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MORE JOBS AS BRITAIN PULLS BACK

Export record and N. Sea fuel boom

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

AN end to manufacturing industry's long jobs shake-out is in sight, the Confederation of British Industry disclosed yesterday in an optimistic business trends survey as further cuts in interest rates were forecast.

Half the 50 industrial sectors covered by the C B I survey plan to take on more workers over the next four months, with small firms leading the way.

Export order books are at their best level since 1977 and for the first time since 1974 there are indications that capacity shortages are limiting the ability of some firms to cope with orders.

The buoyant tone of the C B I survey contributed to a renewed strengthening in sterling and was accompanied by a new Government report on record North Sea oil and gas developments.

The predictions about lower interest rates came from Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster, who told shareholders at the bank's annual meeting there were "realistic hopes" of a further gentle decline in the months ahead.

'We're not in orbit yet'

The C B I survey, based on replies from 1,544 manufacturing firms accounting for more than half of Britain's manufactured exports, is the most optimistic for a year. It shows business confidence rising and orders and output growing at a faster-than-expected rate.

But Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the C B I's economic situation committee, pointed out that there are large parts of manufacturing industry still trying to climb out of recession.

He said the survey results should not be regarded as a "significant breakthrough," adding: "We are not going into orbit."

The indications that manufacturing's labour force is stabilising afer falling for eight years and the more confident tone of the CBI survey provided welcome relief for the Government

Bigger companies are continuing to shed labour, but the CBI survey suggests that additional jobs being created by smaller and medium-sized business should almost cancel out job losses.

The CBI is forecasting that net manufacturing job losses in the first half this year should be down to an average of under 2,000 a month compared with more than 20,000 at the height of the recession.

Sectors planning to take on more workers include the motor industry, man-made fibres, footwear, printing and publishing, rubber products, and heavy industrial plant.

Falls are in prospect in the chemicals, food, drink and tobacco industries, but the growth of jobs in small businesses provides an important boost for Government policies aimed at encouraging new entrepreneurs.

Mr Wigglesworth said the survey indicated the overall level of manufacturing employment is likely to be "broadly stable" over the next few months.

"Regrettably, it does not suggest that we are likely to see an actual increase in the number employed, but redundancies in some industries may be matched by new jobs in others," he added.

The end of the miners' strike has produced a sharp improvement in optimism, but industrial leaders say it is too early to say whether the Budget is National Insurance contribution changes will produce the hoped-for increase in jobs for low-paid workers.

A total of 73 per cent of firms still say a shortage of orders or sales is their most important constraint, but there are signs that firms are investing in new capacity and bringing forward plans to avoid losing investment allowances.

The upshot is that the C B I remains more optimistic about economic prospects this year than the Treasury and is sticking to its forecast of 4 per cent growth.

Bigger share of oil business

The Government report on North Sea oil and gas developments showed British-based firms had won a bigger share of offshore orders and provided further details about a substantial rise in gas reserves.

Mr Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, said: "Britain's offshore oil and gas industry achieved a vintage year in 1984. It will be remembered as one of the most significant and successful in our offshore history."

A record 15 new oil and gas developments were approved, 182 wells drilled and estimates of gas reserves in existing fields rose by 15 per cent, while oil reserves were enough to maintain self-sufficiency to the end of the century.

A combination of the C B I survey and mixed economic indicators from the U.S. helped sterling to rise more than a cent against the dollar to close at $1·2414.

Sterling was also stronger against the German mark and other curencies and the trade weighted index rose from 77·6 to 78·1.

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250 NEW JOBS

By Our Business Correspondent

Amersham International, the scientific research company, is to spend £10 million increasing the size of its genetic engineering and biotechnology laboratories at Forest Farm, Cardiff, creating 250 new jobs.

Disappointing figures on U.S. economy

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

FURTHER proof that the American economic locomotive is running out of steam came yesterday from the Government's gauge of future business activity—the index of leading economic indicators.

It showed a 0·2 per cent drop in March, chiefly due to a decline in the number of new firms established

The disappointing figure came shortly before President Reagan took off for Bonn last night to attend the seven-nation economic summit.

He is expected to urge the Europeans to do more to stimulate their economies and replace some of the flagging power of America in pulling the world out of recession.

The indicator index is compiled from a dozen yardsticks of business activity.

Of the 10 so far available for March, seven were in decline.

Factory orders dropped almost a full percentage point in March, the eighth drop in 12 months.

Recently it was announced that the American economy grew at an annual rate of only 1·3 per cent in the first quarter of the year, far below last year's 6·8 per cent growth.

The major reason for lagging U.S. economic growth is the overpriced American dollar, which is largely responsible for the worsening trade deficit.

Americans are buying cheap imports—many of them produced by US subsidiaries abroad—instead of the products of factories at home.

The Ven. Wilfrid Wood, new Suffragan Bishop of Croydon, pictured yesterday with his wife Ina and three of their five children—William, 14, David (glasses), 13, and Nicola, 4.

England's first black bishop appointed

By CANON D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

THE Church of England's first black bishop to serve in this country is to be the Ven. Wilfred Wood, 49, Archdeacon of Southwark since 1982.

He will be consecrated Bishop of Croydon on July 25, and will succeed the Rt Rev. Stuart Snell, who has retired because of a heart condition.

The bishop-designate, who will have charge of 102 parishes, was nominated to the Crown for appointment to the suffragan see of Croydon by the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev. Ronald Bowlby, who is also assisted by the suffragan bishops of Woolwich and Kingston-upon-Thames.

Archdeacon Wood admits a life-long devotion to cricket, and says he is a fervent supporter of Queen's Park Rangers, though pressure of work has prevented him from attending recent matches.

Born in Barbados

He was born in Barbados and was made deacon there in 1961. In 1962 he moved to London and was ordained priest in St Paul's Cathedral in 1962.

He served as curate of St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush, and was later the Bishop of London's race relations officer, 1966-74.

In 1966 he married Miss Ena Smith, daughter of a Barbadian M P. They have five children, the eldest of whom is head girl at Haberdashers' Aske's Girls' School.

Black bishops are no strangers to the Church of England, but they have invariably served overseas. The first Anglican black bishop was Dr Samuel Crowther, consecrated in 1896 to serve in the Niger territories.

'TWISTER' JIBE AT THATCHER

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR KINNOCK yesterday turned the Cabinet's review of the welfare state into a major political issue by accusing the Prime Minister in the Commons of "ratting" and being "a twister" on election promises.

Seizing on a principal option in the review, he asked Mrs Thatcher: "Do you recall saying durin gthe last General Election that there were no plans to change the earnings-related component of the State pension scheme?

"Will you tell us and the 11 million who are in whether that is still your explicit view of the matter?"

Mrs Thatcher said that it was a "duty of government from time to time to undertake such fundamental reviews."

Differences continue

Mr Kinnock's language, which brought protests from Tory M Ps and a qualified rebuke from the Speaker once Question Time was over, was an indication of the Opposition's belief that the Government's review of the welfare state will be electorally unpopular.

Some Tory M Ps conceded last night that rarely had the Labour leader made Mrs Thatcher more uncomfortable.

There was also concern in the Tory ranks at signs that differences were continuing among Ministers over earnings-related pesions.

Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the C B I, tld Conservative M Ps lat night that the proposal could cost business £3 billon a year.

It was an example of where he said Mr Lawson should not be "cutting business costs in one area while increang thems in another."

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READERS SEE ROYAL FASHION

Seven hundred DAILY TELEGRAPH readers from as far afield as Cumbria, Lincolnshire Bedfordshire and the Isle of Wight saw the spring and summer collection of royal dressmaker Bruce Oldfield as part of yesterday's Fashion and Beauty Show presented by the DAILY TELEGRAPH at the Corn Exchange, Brighton.

Among clothes modelled were copies of the two Bruce Oldfield suits, one in blue, the other black and white, which the Princess of Wales wore in Italy last week.

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B S M's £188,000 FOR LIBERALS

The Liberal Party was given £188,000 by B S M Holdings, parent company of the British School of Motoring in 1983, it was revealed yesterday. The company's chairman is Mr Anthony Jacobs, joint treasurer of the Liberal Party.

According to figures published by the Labour Research Department, this was twice the size of any company donation going to the Conservative Party in 1983, the year of the general election.

NO ACTION OVER MI5 TV FILM

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, confirmed yesterday that no action is to be taken over the Channel 4 film shown last month which exposed alleged criminal surveillance methods used by MI5 to watch Left-wingers.

He said in a Commons written answer: "None of the persons who made, or who were said by others to have made, allegations of criminal conduct has been prepared to substantiate those allegations by coming forward with evidence which would justify the institution of proceedings."

BOMB RAIDS ON GOLD FIRMS

By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

Two bombs which caused extensive damage to office blocks owned by two gold mining companies in Johannesburg yesterday were Russian-made limpet mines, according to police. No one was hurt.

The firms — the Anglo-American Corporation and the Anglo Vaal Company—dismissed a total of 17,000 black miners from gold mines in the Trasnvaal at the weekend for participating in an illegal strike.

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VIRUS TEAM INVESTIGATE FLU CRISIS

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE death toll in the Staffordshire influenza outbreak rose to 20 yesterday as two doctors from the Public Health Laboratories at Colindale, north-west London, were called in to try to identify the virus responsible.

Mr William Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, met ministers to ensure that all steps were being taken to prevent the outbreak extending through the West Midlands and elsewhere.

At present the influenza, believed to be a form of the "B" strain, is confined to an area covehed Stafford by Stone, Rugeley and Cannock.

About 98 victims have been admitted to three hospitals.

The Mid-Staffordshire Area Health Authority's control of infections committee met last nifght to review the situation. Most of the victims have been elderly

HOSPITAL WORK STUDY STORM

Two work-study officials who turned up at Alder Hey children's hospital, Liverpool, to look at ways of privatising services yesterday were barricaded in an office by 100 angry staff so they could not carry out their investigations.

The issue caused a lightning walk-out by more than 1,200 porters, laundry workers, kitchen staff and cleaners at nine Liverpool hospitals, which ended within hours when the local health authority withdrew the officials.

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4-VOTE WIN ON GLC BILL

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Government's goal of abolishing the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan counties is finally in sight after the defeat of two crucial challenges to the plan in the Lords yesterday, one by just four votes.

Opponents of abolition had from the outset staked their main hopes on the passage of a "wrecking" amendment during the committee stage of the Local Government Bill in the upper House.

But with yesterday's hurdles overcome, Ministers now expect little further difficulty and are confident the measure will be on the statute book in good time for the councils to be wound up next April.

Tight finish

A comfortable Government majority of 59 on Monday against a Labour proposal for a full inquiry to be held before abolition could take effect had dampened speculation that either of the two remaining "wrecking" amendments might be passed.

But when a further proposal that a new elected authority be set up in the capital to take charge of the G L C's residual functions was put to the vote yesterday, it was clear the outcome would be uncomfortably close.

Ministers sat anxiously on the steps of the Throne as the Lords divided, showing clear relief when it was announced that the amendment had been defeated by 213 votes to 209, a Government majority of four.

A tight finish was now in prospect for the vote on the last of the really contentious amendments, a crossbench proposal that referenda be held before abolition could take effect. But the Government survived this test more comfortably, the proposal being defeated by 212 votes to 192, a majority of 20.

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£234m DRUGS HAUL BURNED

By Our Madrid Correspondent

Thirty tonnes of marijuana, part of the biggest drugs capture ever made in Europe and worth an estimated street price of £234 million, was burned at Cadiz, Spain, yesterday.

It was found in cement bags aboard a freighter captured by a Spanish customs launch and navy destroyed off south-west Spain at the weekend.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Cold N.W. airstream covers the country.

LONDON, S.E., CENT. S., E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, MIDLANDS: Sunny intervals. Showers some heavy with sleet. Wind N.W. moderate or fresh. Max. 52F (11C).

CHANNEL ISLANDS, S.W. ENGLAND, S. WALES: Sunny intervals, scattered showers. Wind N.W. light to moderate. Max. 54F (12C).

S NORTH SEA: Wind N.W. force 5 to 6-7. Sea rough.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENGLISH CHANNEL (E.): Wind N.W. force 5 to 6-7 becoming 4. Sea rough becoming slight.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL: Wind W. backing S.W. force 5 becoming 1-3. Sea moderate becoming smooth.

IRISH SEA: Wind N.W. force 5 to 6-7 later 4. Sea rough becoming slight.

OUTLOOK: Showers slowly dying out. Temperatures returning to near normal.

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HUMIDITY FORECAST

London	80(80)	70(70)	80(85)
Birmingham	60(55)	70(65)	85(85)
Manchester	65(75)	75(85)	85(100)
Newcastle	70(55)	75(75)	85(85)

(Yesterday's figures in brackets)

Prince made decision to cancel Mass

By DAVID GRAVES

THE Prince of Wales himself called off plan to attend a private Mass celebrated by the Pope after consultations with the Queen, church leaders and other advisors, Buckingham Palace confirmed last night.

Mr John Haslam, Assistant Press Secretary, firmly denied that the Queen had vetoed the idea of the heir to the Throne attending the Mass and said that the decision had been taken by Prince Charles himself.

As controversy continued over the circumstances in which the Mass for the Prince and Princess of Wales was cancelled, Mr Haslam confirmed that the idea for the Mass had originally come from the Prince.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, was consulted. He raised no objection, and he in turn consulted other church leaders for their reaction.

During the consultation process the Rt Rev. John Paterson, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a warning of probable "opposition" in Scotland but did not give a firm response.

Mr Haslam would not say what advice was given to the Prince, but it is understood that the Queen took a cautious view about possible adverse reaction from Protestans in Britain.

"Prince Charles took advice from a lot of sources," said Mr Haslam. "The final decision was taken by the Prince himelf."

The decision was then relayed to the Vatican in a letter from Buckingham Palace six days before the Royal couple began their tour of Italy on April 13, Mr Haslam confirmed.

Originally Mr Victor Chapman, the Prince's Press

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Day trip to Sicily—P6

'Disapproval' for Eire Premier

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister gave the Commons the distinct impression that she disapproved of the appearance of Dr FitzGerald, the Irish Premier, in Londonderry yesterday during the Northern Ireland local election campaign.

She did so when replying to Mr Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP for South Down, who spoke about the anger caused in the province by Dr Fitzgerald's "unheralded intrusion," particularly during electioneering.

Mrs Thatcher said that the British Government had been aware for two or three days about the visit, on an inaugural flight of a service between Dublin and Londonderry.

Gasps of surprise

Then to gasps of surprise from MPs she also said of Mr Powell's remarks: "We are aware of that custom [That a visiting Prime Minister should inform the host Government of his intention], and I understand what he says."

Mr Powell and Ulster Unionist colleagues took her comments as endorsement of their condemnation of Dr FitzGerald's visit during which he also appeared with campaigning members of the Social Democratic and Labour party.

For some time he has indicated his support for the S D L P in its efforts to eclipse Provisional Sinn Fein, the Provisional I R A's political wing, among the minority Roman Catholic community.

It was said later that the Government had not made any protest to Dr FitzGerald, but there were signs of disapproval.

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TRAINS TO GET PUBLIC PHONES

By Our Transport Correspondent

Public telephones are to be put into 140 inter-city trains by the end of this year following a successful experiment between London and South Wales.

The radiophones will go into all the new Pullmans on the Manchester, Merseyside and Yorkshire routes from London and all the 125 mph high speed trains between Paddington, South Wales and the West country.

POLICE GET BOMB

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ACAS PLEA FOR PUBLIC SECTOR PAY REFORM

TEACHERS, health workers and other public sector unions could not realistically be expected to forego industrial action unless a better way was found of determining their pay, Mr Pat Lowry, Acas chairman, said yesterday.

If society was offended by such people taking action then it had a duty to do something about it, he said after presenting the conciliation service's 1984 report.

The report showed that public sector stoppages last year were mainly to blame for a 50 per cent. rise in man days lost through strikes.

It emphasised that the law would never replace discussion, consultation, negotiation and more employee involvement—"the bedrock of good industrial relations."

And in a final word on the miners' strike the report said Britain's reputation for peaceful and non-violent settlement of disputes "can bear no repitition of the scenes witnessed on picket lines and elsewhere" wherever the fault lay.

Mr Lowry said Acas had emphasised for the last three years that there had to be a better way of determining pay in the non-trading public sector—and was ready to offer whatever help it could.

Giving his personal view, he said: "It seems to me that society has to take a view whether the traditional forms of collective bargaining—plus the risk from time to time of industrial action does represent the best way of determining pay in this highly important sector of employment.

"If public servants do have grievances about pay and working conditions, I do not think it is altogether realistic, in the absence of a better system, to expect unions to forego the muscle power they have and refrain from pressing their claims with all their traditional vigour.

"If society is offended by industrial action of that kind, then it does seem to me that there is an obligation on society to try to find a better way."

He said 1984 was a bad year for strikes, even excluding the special effect of the pit dispute.

Continuing substitute

"Perhaps there are employers who believe that these influences can be relied upon to act as a continuing substitute for an effective industrial relations policy," he said.

"Perhaps there are trade unionists who have decided to wait for political change in the hope or expectation that all the changes of the past few years will prove to be reversible. I do not think that either option is sustainable."

Last year Acas dealt with 1,569 requests for conciliation—down 12 per cent. on last year's 1,789—but they were frequently more complicated than before.

Equity leader backed

By Our Arts Correspondent

MR DEREK BOND, president of the actors' union Equity, whose resignation was demanded at the annual meeting over a tour he made to South Africa, won the backing of the union's ruling council yesterday.

A motion calling for his resignation was defeated 22 to 11 with four abstentions. A council member had moved that the president should not be seen going against Equity policy, which avs members are advised not to work in South Africa.

Mr Bond, 65, said yesterday: "It is becoming a witch hunt. But my telephone answering machine at home is crammed with messages of upporst

The actor said he had made clear his "utter opposition" to apartheidv on many occasions

The council considered three motions of condemnation passed at the annual meeting. It is to seek legal advice before discussing them again later this month.

The president can only be removed by a two-thirds majority in a secret ballot. This would follow an inquiry.

Labour move to force out police chief

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

MERSEYSIDE police authority is to seek Home Office approval to demand the resignation of its Chief Constable, Mr Kenneth Oxford, who yesterday declined an invitation to retire early.

Mr Oxford, 60, was given two weeks to make "any written submissions he thinks necessary" after the Labour-dominated commitee which controls the authority said tha its partnership with him was "so broken down tha one or other of us must go."

But afer the two-hour meeting, Mr Oxford said: "I still have a job to do in Liverpool, and I think 4,700 policemen here would agree with me. I will not change my mind, but I respect the resolution and will respond in writing."

He had just heard the committee, by 15 Labour votes to 12 of all other groups, reject a Conservative motion reiterating full confidence in him. Instead they passed a nine-paragraph resolution demanding his retirement under the provisions of the Police Act, 1964.

Last straw

Most of the hearing was in private so that members could hear Mr Philip Myers, HM Inspector of Constabulary for north-west England, advise them on what options were open to them, following the Chief Constable's refusal to retire, as requested at a meeting last month.

Lady Simey, 79, committee chairman, said Mr Oxford's absence from a previous meeting, when he was in America, was "the last straw" in a long sage of accumulated frustration with him. He had been attending an anti-terrorism conference.

She said that even the Conservatives had had problems with Mr Oxford, and when Labour took power "we were handed a relationship which was already severely damaged."

Even if the committee had been alleging that Mr Oxford had not properly fulfilled the duties of his £25,000-plus post, they could not suspend him. Rules which came into force this week require police committees to obtain the permission of a newly-formed police complaints authority before imposing suspension.

And if a chief constable does not wish to retire early, or resign, he can be removed only with the direct permission of the Home Office.

Last night the outcome of the meeting was described as "another attempt by the Labour group to undermine the independence of the police service," by Sgt George Crichton, chairman of the Merseyside Police Federation.

"Ding dong bell, Pussy's in the well. Who put her in..?"

Thatcher's nod to Commons TV

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
Political Staff

MRS THATCHER yesterday confirmed that she is now in favour of televising selected proceedings from the Commons by nodding eagerly when Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, suggested during Prime Minister's questions "After today's mauling does the Prime Minister want the televising of the House?"

The Speaker Mr Bernard Weatherill denounced the intervention as "somewhat spurious point of order" but it is known that he is deeply concerned by the implications of bringing television cameras into the chamber.

He is not only concerned with the even heavier responsibility which will fall on his shoulders to maintain order if cameras are brought into the chamber.

He is also anxious about the apparent deterioration of standards and of the language and tolerance in the Commons.

It was evident yesterday that Mr Weatherill had returned from his convalescence from the mumps with a distinct message to MPs. He was appalled by the behaviour which occurred in his absence last week when Labour Left-wingers prevented Dr Owen from delivering an opening speech from his usual place in an Alliance-inspired debate on trade union ballots.

Cost is shared

In the Lords TV experiment, which is due to end in July, the average daily cost of about £5,000 is shared between the BBC and ITN. The cost is not an extra one as the facilities used would otherwise either be idle or employed on some other project. The initial £10,000 installation of cable and camera points was paid for by the Lords.

The pattern would probably be similar for the Commons. Whether Parliament or the broadcasters sign the cheque, the public, of course, will bear the cost in the end.

29 councils line up in support of teachers' pay claim

By JOHN ISBICKI Education Correspondent

AS the NUT yesterday opened its toughest offensive yet in the teachers' dispute, with more than 650 schools in 40 local authorities affected by a walk-out of 8,430 teachers, a second Tory-controlled authority gave its support to their pay demands.

North Yorkshire declared itself in favour of the quest for 12·5 per cent. without any "structure" strings.

Buckinghamshire, last week became the first Tory authority to do so.

Birmingham and Hounslow, both Labour, also added their support, bringing the total number of authorities now lined up behind the teachers to 29.

At a meeting of teachers in Kettering, Northants, where more than 400 are on a two-day strike at 43 county schools, Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, praised those who had taken the tough decision to strike at special schools.

Despite their deep attachments to their children, they also feared for the future. "The reluctant action is a measure of the dedication and professionalism of the teaching profession," he said.

Williams' call

Mrs Shirley Williams, SDP president and a former Labour Education Secretary, called on Sir Keith Joseph, the present Education Secretary, to make more money available to settle the dispute.

The Government and the teaching unions, she said as she announced her party's plans for the future of the teaching profession, should stop holding the nation's children to ransom and start working together.

Teachers would have to be given an immediate pay rise but, at the same time, would have to accept that a new salary structure would need to be negotiated which would offer better rewards to the best teachers.

The National Association of Head Teachers has started legal action against the city of Liverpool for the recovery of salaries "docked" from every Liverpool head's pay packet because of a strike by council employees last March.

On average, about £35 was withdrawn fro meach salary after heads decided to keep their schols shut.

ARMY PAY TEAM 'SHOT BY SOLDIER'

AN Army team collecting a payroll were instructed in the event of a hold-up to hand over the money and not to resist, a triple murder trial at the High Court in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

Corporal ANDREW WALKER, 30, a serving soldier with the Royal Scots has denied shooting and murdering two soldiers and a retired Army major with a 9mm sub-machine gun and robbing them of £19,000 on the Flotterstone Glen Road, Flotterstone, Midlothian, on Jan. 17 this year.

It is alleged he murdered Staff-Sergeant Terence Hosker, 39, retired Major David Cunningham, 56, and private John Thomson, 25, all attached to the Scottish Infantry Depot, Glencorse Barracks, Milton Bridge, Midlothian.

Sgt Major WILLIAM HODGKISSON, 37, a pay Warrant Officer at Glencorse Depot, said the procedure for picking up the Army payrole from the Royal Bank of Scotland in Penicuik on a Thursday once a fortnight was "generally known" in Glencorse.

He added that if there was a passing out parade at the depot the payrole was normally larger than usual and this was the case on Jan. 17.

Walker has lodged a special defence of alibi to the murder charge stating he was driving in Kirknewton and Edinburgh at the time the murders were alleged to have been committed.

Walker has also denied a charge of attempting to pervert the course of justice by trying to have a letter smuggled out of Saughton Prison blaming the IRA for the killings.

The trial was adjourned until today.

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Injuries 'obvious' months before death

BABY JASMINE LOOKED LIKE BELSEN VICTIM

By LIN JENKINS

LITTLE Jasmine Beckford, who was brutally tortured to death by her stepfather while in council care, was emaciated and looked like a Belsen victim, Dr Iain West, a pathologist, told the independent inquiry into her death yesterday.

She had 20 bone injuries, including several severe fractures to her left leg, some of which have been "obvious" to anyone who saw her in March, 1984—the last time she was seen by a social worker involved in her case.

Dr West, who performed the post mortem on four-year-old Jasmine last July, said she had numerous injuries which could have been sustained by being "picked up by the legs and thrown across the room or smashed against a wall."

The injuries—"probably the worst I have ever seen"—were mostly many months old.

'Well and happy'

Earlier the hearing had heard documentary evidence from a Brent social worker Miss Gunn Wahlstrom that she had seen Jasmine once in the last 10 months of her life, on March 12, when she paid a visit to the home of Maurice Beckford and Beverly Lorrington.

Her report of the visit noted that the three children, Jasmine, Louise and baby Chantelle, were sitting in an upstairs room.

"All three children appeared well and happy. They were watching a hired video of 'The Jungle Book'. Maurice was in a good mood and playing with the children."

Later in a police statement Miss Wahlstrom said that during a visit: "They both got up and came over to me when I entered. Beverly asked them to sit down while she was talking to me."

Pain would have showed

Asked if Jasmine would have been able to do this Dr West replied: "Her interest would have been in sitting to minimise the discomfort. Had she moved she would have had a severe limp."

Counsel for the panel Miss Presiley Baxendale, asked if Jasmine's pain would have showed on her face. Dr West replied: "I think to the experienced eye that ought to be fairly obvious."

Asked if she would have looked happy he answered: "It is inconceivable that a child who has gone through this could be happy."

Dr West, who is attached to Guy's Hospital in London, was giving evidence on the third day of the independent inquiry at Brent Town Hall, London.

The inquiry, expected to last *until the end of June, is to* examine how Jasmine died while in the care of Brent council, and make recommendations to prevent such a thing happening again.

Beckford, 25, was jailed for 10 years at the Old Bailey for manslaughter, and his common law wife Beverly got 18 months for wilful neglect and cruelty.

At the time of the trial last March Judge Thomas Pigot said Brent social workers had shown "a naivety beyond belief."

Vicious twisting

Jasmine died of head injuries, but Dr West's post mortem examination revealed 20 separate bone injuries, excluding a fracture sustained in August 1981 when she had first been taken away from her parents, placed in care and sent to the home of foster parents, Peter and Gay Probert.

Her shoulder was also injured, probably through vicious twisting, there were cigarette burns to her hand and there were scars, bruising and ulcers all over her body caused by beating, lying immobile for considerable lengths of time and possibly by being weighted down.

"This child looked as though it had been neglected and physically abused for a very long period. It was pot bellied, its ribs stood out in relief almost like a Belsen victim. The limbs were just skin and bone."

Earlier yesterday the inquiry heard that the foster parents Mr and Mrs Probert had made a last minute plea to the social workers not to restore the children to the Beckford home in April 1982.

In a letter to the head of Brent's fostering service, Mr Jeremy Burns they were highly critical at the way the case had been handled. But the letter was never answered.

They said they had originally been assured that Jasmine and her sister Louise would stay in their care long term — probably for their entire childhood.

They complained that they had never been included in any discussion about the children's future or their possible needs despite the fact that they "knew the children better than anyone."

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

Jasmine's foster mother Mrs Gay Probert who, in a letter, had pleaded for the child not to be restored to her parents.

Coroner praises police in Baigrie siege

A CORONER'S jury decided yesterday that police *did everything reasonable to bring* convicted killer JAMES BAIGRIE alive from the van where he was besieged for 44 hours in an Earl's Court street in March.

He eventually killed himself with a shotgun as they fired CS gas after being advised by a psychiatrist that to allow the siege to continue would increase the risk of suicide or danger to others.

Dr PAUL KNAPMAN, Westminster coroner, said police had acted with courage, but there was no shortage of people anxious to criticise their handling of such sieges.

In his summing-up he said police were employing knowledge gained from years of experience of such situations.

"The difficulty was whether to sit it out or go in. There are powerful arguments on both sides.

Hostage risk

"There was disruption to the locality and danger that he may come out firing or fire through the walls of the van.

"He might come out shooting, dive into a basement area, force himself into a house, and then we have an even worse siege where an innocent hostage has been taken."

Baigrie, 53, had escaped from an Edinburgh prison in 1983 where he was serving a life sentence for shooting a barber. He took refuge in the van in Philbeach Gardens, West Kensington, when police went to arrest him.

Dr Knapman told the jury that there were six options open to them: Unlawful killing, lawful killing, suicide, accidental, misadventure, or an open verdict.

They must ask themselves: "At the time he was being asphyxiated by the CS gas, in the panic of that situation, do you believe he would have known what he was doing?"

They returned a verdict of suicide.

Weak gas

After the hearing Mr GEOFFREY DEARE, the former Metropolitan Police assistant Commissioner who ordered the CS gas to be used (he is now Chief Constable of the West Midlands), said it was obvious early on that Baigrie had decided to commit suicide. But police would take the same sort of action in similar circumstances again.

"We took all posible, reasonable steps to get him out alive."

He believed Baigrie could have got out of the van even after the CS gas had been fired, because it was only one twentieth of the level which would be considered dangerous.

MARIE STAUNTON, legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, who represented Baigrie's family, criticised police and the coroner for not releasing transcripts of negotiations during the siege:

"It was not a hostage situation. It is hard to see how these transcripts would affect sieges in future," she said.

Mr Deare said they had not been made public because of the fear that they might be used "by those who train terrorists close to this country or elsewhere to resist negotiations."

£180,000 AWARD TO CRASH VICTIM

A man who suffered severe head injuries and brain damage in a car crash six years ago was awarded £180,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday. The settlement took into account that Mr Stephen Passingham, 24, was not wearing a seat belt.

Mr Passingham, of The Causeway, Petersfield, Hampshire, who was an apprentice engineer, had accepted a lift in a car which crashed at Stoner Hill, Froyfield. The award was against the driver, Mr Patrick Humphreys of College Street, Petersfield.

£¼m damages award for 'child woman'

A WOMAN who suffered brain damage because of an anaesthetist's blunder during a private operation to remove bags under her eyes was awarded £265,606 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Jupp said that Miss LINDA KING, 37, now had a mental disability which made her distressed in the company of adults and only happy when with children.

The judge said he had gone in plain clothes to the High Court coffee shop to witness the effect for himself, as Miss King was too distraught to attend the hearings. He said she was forced to abandon a cup of coffee because her hands were trembling so much.

"She speaks only in a whisper with adults. However, among children her voice miraculously appears and she talks properly," he said. "Under the stimulation of children, she will laugh and giggle as children do. She appears to become one of them."

Constant care

The judge said doctors were baffled by Miss King's condition. She now needed constant care from her mother Hilda, 62, at their home in Carnation Road, Strood, Kent. It was she who brought the court action.

The simple cosmetic operation was performed at Guy's Hospital, Southwark, in January 1981. It cost £390 and was paid for by Miss King's then boyfriend.

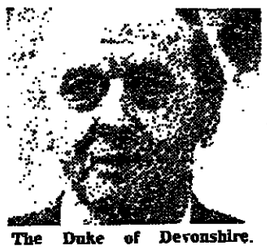
While under the anaesthetic her blood pressure dropped dangerously, she had a cardiac arrest and her brain suffered irrevocable damage to functions such as memory, emotion and initiative, the court heard.

The anaesthetist, Mr CLIFFORD WESTERN-HOWELL, who is now at King's College Hospital, Camberwell, admitted negligently administering anaesthetic, and agreed to pay damages and costs. He was supported by his medical union.

TROLLEY TRAWL

Members of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust netted 37 abandoned supermarket trolleys in less than an hour from the canal at Reading, Berks.

DUKE 'WAS FIXED UP WITH GIRL'



The Duke of Devonshire.

By HEATHER MILLS
Old Bailey Correspondent

THE Duke of Devonshire gave a girl friend cheques worth £150,000 for a flat, furniture and paintings after being "fixed up" with her, it was claimed at the Old Bailey yesterday.

ANDREW SHELLIS—one of four men accused of defrauding the duke — was said to have told police in a statement that before leaving on holiday with the duke, the girl gave the cheques to HERAKLIS "RICKY" KOUZOUPIS, 31, a Cyprus businessman, who is also accused.

Last week the 65-year-old duke told the court that over the years he had provided money for girl friends to furnish their flats. He agreed that some would have had opportunities to take loose cheques from his wallet.

PETER CALLAGHAN, 24, son of the duke's butler, formerly of Chesterfield Street, Mayfair, has denied stealing the peer's cheques.

Kouzoupis, 31, of Hereford Street, Acton, Shellis, 45, and his brother JACK SHELLIS, 35, both of Northold Road, Harrow, have denied obtaining money by deception.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Man arrested for picking daffodils

CHARGES against a man who was arrested, photographed and fingerprinted for picking five roadside daffodils for Mother's Day were dropped when he appeared before magistrates at Saltash, Cornwall, yesterday.

MICHAEL ELDERFIELD, 24, a roofing contractor, of St Merryn, near Padstow, picked the daffodils outside Anthony House, the home of Mr Richard Carew-Pole, the son of Cornwall's former Lord Lieutenant, because he had forgotten to buy his mother a gift for Mother's Day.

He was spotted by a constable who arrested him and took him to Torpoint police station, where he was charged with stealing five daffodils worth a total of 24p from the National Trust.

Lost earnings

Mr Elderfield was subsequently photographed and fingerprinted and had to appear in court three times for remand before magistrates heard the case. The action has cost him £120 in lost earnings.

Mr Elderfield's solicitor, Mr PHILIP STEPHENS, said the total cost of the case to the taxpayer would be nearly £500.

Mr Stephens recited a poem in court when pressing his successful claim for costs: "Ten thousand blooms were Wordsworth's sum, this lad picked five, just for his Mum. He's now acquitted, but come what may, he'll not forget next Mothers Day."

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By Our Shipping Correspondent

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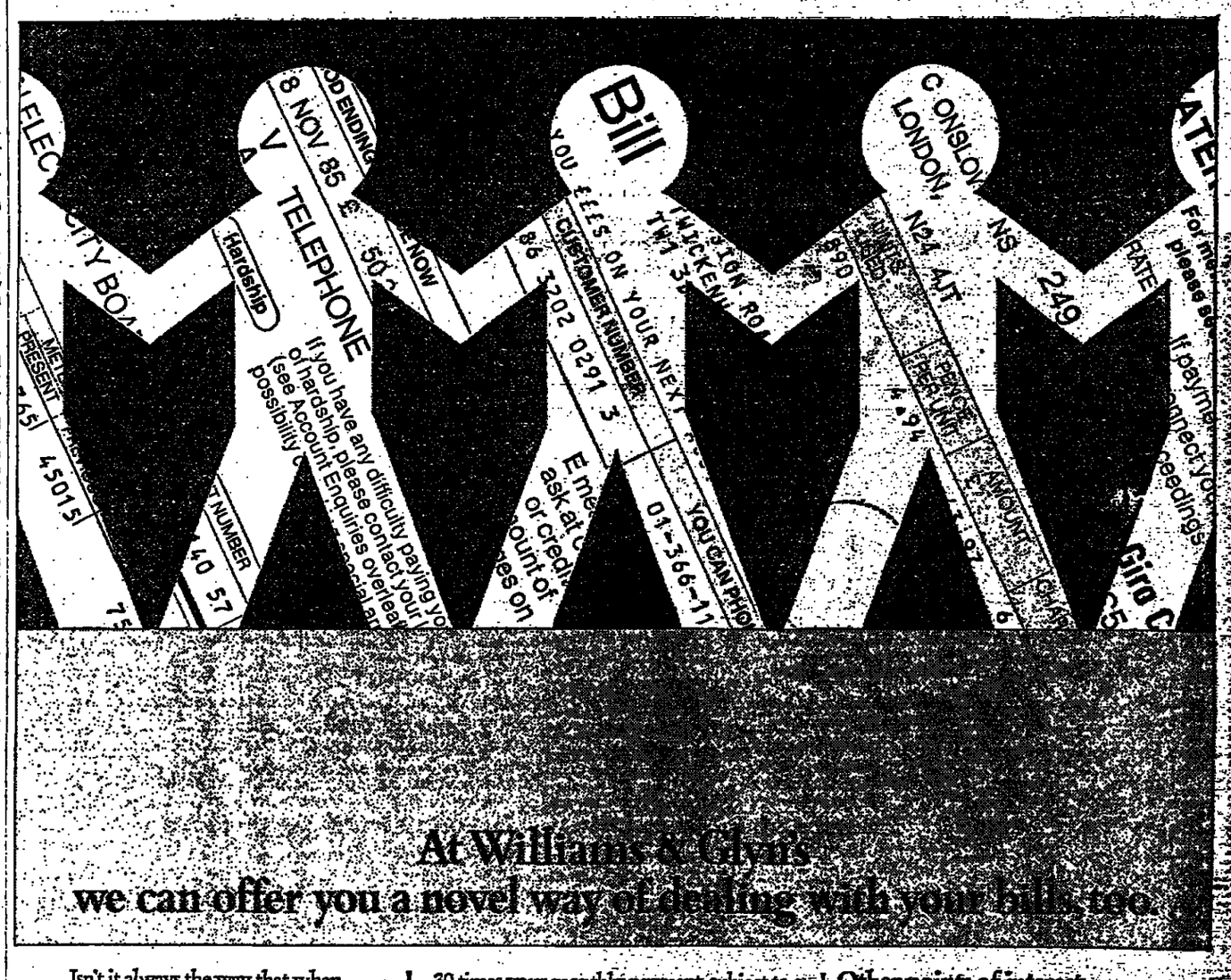

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U.S. TRADE BAN EXPECTED WITH NICARAGUA

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

A TOTAL American trade embargo against Nicaragua was said by Washington officials yesterday to be an "almost certain" result of the search for new ways of putting pressure on the Marxist-led Sandinista régime.

The move comes on the eve of the Bonn economic summit at which President Reagan will call for an end to protectionist trade measures and tariff barriers in the name of free enterprise.

Neither Mr Reagan nor his advisers appear to be disturbed by what many commentators see as a double standard.

This is thrown into even greater relief by the fact that it was Mr Reagan who ended the grain embargo against Moscow and condemned the Carter administration for imposing it.

But Mr Reagan is said by sources close to the White House to feel "very emotional" about Nicaragua and does not want to go into the history books as the president who allowed Communism to get established on the American mainland.

Cuba argument rejected

His White House advisers are said to have won the day against some senior officials in the State Department, who gave Cuba as an example of how trade embargoes do not have the desired political effect.

But these officials were not supported by Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, who has in recent months emerged as an unexpected "hawk" on certain foreign issues and is the first cabinet officer publicly to draw the parallel between Nicaragua and Vietnam.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen said yesterday that he had learned from the State Department that Mr Shultz would formally recommend the embargo to Mr Reagan. "It just doesn't make any sense for u to buy their goods and finance with our dollars the export of their revolution," he added.

Mr Reagan's move towards a trade embargo against Nicaragua has been given momentum by the highly-publicised visit to Moscow by the Nicaraguan President, Daniel Ortega.

He was given an unusually-warm reception at the Kremlin, meeting all the senior Politburo members including Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet Leader.

Senor Orega had said before leaving Managua that he was looking for about $200 million in financial aid to help buy food and other commodities. Although the Russians did not give any details of the talks with Mr Gorbachev, it was officially stated that economic aid for "friendly Nicaragua" would continue.

Mr Reagan would not need Congressional approval to impose a trade embargo.

Nicaragua sends about 18 per cent of its exports, worth about $60 million a year, to the United States. The goods include coffee, bananas, beef, shellfish and sesame seeds.

At the same time, the Nicaraguans import vitally-needed agricultural machinery and spare parts as well as fertilisers and oil refinery equipment, all worth about $120 million.

A total trade embargo would probably also include severing airline links between the two countries.

Policy aid quits

President Reagan is losing his senior policy adviser on Latin American affairs at a time when the controversy over Nicaragua remains one of Washington's most troubling issues.

Mr Shultz announced yesterday that Mr Langhorne Notley, Assistant Secretary of State for inter-American Affairs, was leaving the administration to return to private life. There has been no suggestion that he is quitting because of any policy disagreements.

He is to be replaced by Mr Elliot Abrams, who has been serving as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights.

'SOVIET CASH AID' FOR NICARAGUA

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

President Ortega of Nicaragua flew from Moscow to Belgrade yesterday, saying his talks with the Kremlin leader, Mr Gorbachev, had strengthened Soviet backing for his country.

Speaking at Moscow Airport, he would not be drawn on whether Russia had promised new military aid. "The Soviet Union is co-operating in different aspects which deals fundamentally with the defence of our country, economically and financially," he said.

The Nicaraguan leader called this "co-operation for life, in contrast with what the United States is doing, sending death to Nicaragua."

Breakdowns baffle shuttle crew

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

AMERICAN astronauts have been unhappily reminded that the formidable technology that puts shuttles into space is still irratingly prone to frustrating and sometimes baffling breakdown.

While the latest mission of the space shuttle Challenger is proceeding smoothly enough with no danger to life or limb, the seven astronauts on board have been forced to contend with a variety of unexpected hazards.

Among the host of foul-ups that have plagued the first two days in orbit have been a broken airlock, a blocked tap, a stuck satellite and a laboratory gadget that sprayed the cabin with urine.

The frustration felt by the astronauts was plainly displayed when a muffled expletive was beamed to earth as one mission specialist struggled to activate the shuttle's on-board communications system.

Mission control in Houston promptly warned the crew that remarks they thought were private were actually being broadcast.

"I guess we'll have to clean up out act considerably," responded Robert Overmyer, shuttle commander.

The litany of niggling failures began when a small Navy communications satellite remained obstinately in Challenger's hold despite the astronaut's best efforts to coax it into orbit.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration explained that the antennae on the device had apparently got stuck.

Vacuum device

The drinking water dispenser in the shuttle's galley worked for a while, then jammed. Crew members who should have been sleeping worked for an hour to get the system working again.

The most unpleasant problem occurred when Dr William Thornton was using a vacuum device to analyse urine produced by the astronauts in space.

"We have attempted to use the urine monitoring device," Dr Thornton reported to earth. "But it was blowing water all over the place and, after extensive clean-up, I have discontinued use of that."

Despite the time-consuming pattern of faults, the astronauts reported they were in good spirits, and the two squirrels, monkeys and 24 rates accompanying the human crew were also said to be enjoying their ride.

TERROR BLASTS

By Our Paris Staff

The French terrorist group Direct Action yesterday exploded bombs at two Paris buildings housing firms working on defence contracts. One man was hurt.

Mrs Thatcher greeting Mr Brian Mulroney, Canadian Prime Minister, on the doorstep of No. 10 yesterday for wide-ranging talks. Mr Mulroney said Mrs Thatcher was "very keen" on re-establishing a special relationship with Canada.

Spain prepares to thwart terror

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

SPAIN has launched a major security drive to protect holidaymakers, following the threat from Basque terrorists to bomb resorts along the Mediterranean coast.

Several thousand police are being transferred to resorts such as Benidorm on the south-east coast, and Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol, to back up Civil Guard and municipal forces.

Explosives experts, backed by helicopters, are on standby to thwart the Basque separatist group ETA.

The group announced five days ago that it would sabotage "Government economic targets in tourist areas on the Mediterranean coast."

So far ETA, two of whose gunmen shot dead a 32-year-old factory worker in front of his daughter in a Basque town on Monday, has made three false alarm calls, saying bombs had been placed near hotels on the south-east coast.

"The Interior Ministry is taking whatever steps it considers necessary to meet these threats," said a senior Government tourist official in Madrid yesterday.

Señor Lorenzo Mora, the police chief in charge of the Costa del Sol, said that Operation Summer '85, as the security drive is codenamed, is now in force and will not be relaxed until October.

Yesterday tourist officials met security experts in Madrid to discuss the ETA threat. The tourist officials said: "This threat must be treated seriously, and all precautions taken. But we cannot say if the terrorists will carry out any attacks."

He added that there had been no reaction so far from potential visitors to Spain.

Bookings to continue

The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was not advising holidaymakers against visiting Spain, but they should consult guides and local residents about which places to avoid in various resorts.

Tour operators are to continue as usual with Spanish holiday bookings after the Association of British Travel Agents had consulted with the Foreign Office.

GREECE TOURISTS FACE HUNGER

By Our Athens Correspondent

Tourists in Greece will face difficulties over the next three days following a strike declared by restaurants and cafe staff throughout the country. The employees want more pay and additional benefits because of health risks through overtime.

A similar strike last year brought various concessions. The restaurant and cafe owners described the latest strike as "obvious blackmail."

LAST LINE FIGHT IN LEBANON

By CON COUGHLIN in Beirut

THE Christian militia chosen by the Israelis to defend the Lebanese border yesterday faced its first major test of strength against Moslem militias.

Members of the self-styled South Lebanese Army (S.L.A.) fought fierce gun and artillery battles with Moslem militiamen advancing from Sidon through Christian villages.

A small S.L.A. contingent has been occupying a former Israeli miliary base at the Christian town of Kfar Falous, which lies midway between Sidon and the main South Lebanses Christian stronghold at Jezzine.

They opened fire when Moslem militias appeared on the outskirts of Kfar Falous which was vacated by the Israelis as part of the second stage of their withdrawl.

Reports said the militias had driven the S L A out of the base but the Christians using Israeli tanks, were preventing the Moslem force from taking over the whole town.

The S L A is the last line of defence for thousands of Christians families who have been forced to flee their homes in the face of the devastating Moslem advance.

An estimated 70,000 Christians have taken refuge at Jezzine while thousands of others have made their way to what is left of Israeli-occupied Lebanon in the hope of finding shelter and protection.

1983 comparison

The fighting is the direct result of Israel's withdrawal and the events are being compared with Israel's 1983 withdrawal from the Chouf Mountains which provoked bitter fighting between Druze and Christian militias for control of the vacated territory.

As the Christians flee from their South Lebanon homes the Moslem militias are bringing impoverished Shi'ite families living in the southern suburbs of eBirut to live in the abandoned houses.

But in spite of their open support and military backing for the S L A the Israelis have made it clear they will not interfere in the fighting unless it moves into the area they still occupy.

Following the withdrawal of Christian Phalange militiamen from Sidon last week and the seizure of the South Lebanese coastal road by Druze forces at the weekend, Christians in South Lebanon are now completely cut off from the Christian heartland north of Beirut.

Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader and Mr Nabbih Berri, the Shi'ite Moslem leader, yesterday indicated that they would prevent their forces from advancing on Jessine.

At a Press conference held at his home in the Chouf Mountains, just 10 miles from Jezzine, Mr Jumblatt said the purpose of the action was to drive out all Israeli collaborators from South Lebanon.

But both men want the South Lebanese Army, which is led by cashiered Lebanses Army commander Antoine Lahd, to move all its forces out of Jezzine which they claim are a provocation to the Moslem militias.

'Let them try'

In reply, Commander Lahd was widely quoted in Lebanses Arabic newspapers yesterday as saying "If they want to evict me let them try."

If the Moslem militias were to continue to Jezzine many observers fear there could be a bloodbath because of the large number of refugees trapped in the town.

Events in South Lebanon have prompted a reconciliation between President Gemayel and members of his Phalange party who rebelled against his close links with Syria last month.

Samir Geagea, leader of the Phalange rebels and the party's Lebanese forces militia, has been re-admitted to the party and has helped set up a "rescue committee" to help the Christians in the south.

The reconciliation between Geagea and President Gemayel was effected at a 4 a.m. meeting at the Baabda Palace, talks which were reported to have been "very emotional."

EEC partners upset by British rejection of space project

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent

A ROW is developing between Britain and its Common Market partners over a proposed Community space research project designed in part as an alternative to the American Strategic Defence Initiative.

The European project, known as Eureka, is the initiative of President Mitterrand of France.

It was discussed informally at a meeting of Common Market foreign ministers in Luxembourg yesterday.

After the meeting, Mr Roland Dumas, French External Relations Minister, said he was delighted at the response.

Officials said all countries except Britain gave general backing for the idea. However a number of members indicated their support was conditional on Eureka's remaining a purely civilian project.

Arm race boost

The United States government has offered European firms a role in the research and technical development of its space plan and Britain and West Germany are believed to be keenly interested.

Other Community States, particularly France, oppose the American programme on the grounds that it represents a serious escalation of the arms race.

But even among these countries there is concern that the enormous research funds committed to the space defence plan yield important industrial dividends that would further widen the high technology gap between the United States and Europe.

France's Eureaka project would involve research into laser technology, micros electronics and robotics. While French officials admit this would have military significance, they stress that the main objectives lie in improving communications and efficiency in industry.

The British view seems to be that Eureka is nevertheless basically a cloak for European duplication of the American plan involving heavy unnecessary expenditure. In an interview with the West German magazine "der Spiegel" published yesterday, Mrs Thatcher said the idea of an independent European initiative was "nonsense."

"We are allies. We are not neutral. We are part of the defence of the free world," she said.

M. Jacques Delors, president of the Community Commission, said yesterday that, whatever form Eureka took, it should be a genuine Common Market enterprise. He regretted the negative attitude taken by Briain over Eureka and toward the commission's own plan for doubling Common Market research spending.

In each case the Prime Minister appeared to be saying "no," M. Delors said, "but I hope that is not her last word."

M. Dumas emphasised France was not wedded to any particular form for Eureka and was prepared to refine its ideas after consultations with other Community governments in the next few months.

But he nevertheless indicated that a clear political commitment to he project would be sough from all member States, and that this would probably be at the Common Market summit in Milan next month.

Cost indication

If Eureka does emerge as a Community project a British veto is a strong possibility. But, if it took the form of a collaboration by interested countries outside the Community mechanism, as originally proposed by France, it would merely be left to individual governments to decide if they were to take part or not.

No figure has yet been given for the cost of Eureka but officials indicated yesterday that even on conservative estimates it would dwarf all existing Common Market research programmes put together.

This could dampen West Germany's enthusiasm for the project and the point was underlined yesterday when Bonn objectd to a budgetary amendment approved by the European Parliament that would allow Community financing for projcts that did not involv all membr States.

The West German stand meant adoption of a regulation authorising extra income for the Common Market from next year had to be put off. The matter was not regarded as serious yesterday except as a reminder of the difficulties in the way of funding a programme as ambitious as Eureka on a Community basis.

Gorbachev dusts off old arms offer

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

A PROPOSAL last week by Mr Gorbachev, Soviet leader, that his country and the United States reduce their strategic offensive weapons by 25 per cent. "by way of an opening move" in arms negotiations was first made almost three years ago.

It matches the Soviet position in the Geneva Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (Start), from which Moscow withdrew at the end of 1983.

The Soviet leader's reference to the proposal was made at a reception on Friday after the renewal of the Warsaw Pact treaty in the Polish capital. He said it had been "already suggested," by the Soviet but did not say when.

"We would have no objection to making deeper cuts," he added. "All this is possible if the arms race does not begin in space, if it is peaceful."

The general assumption was that the proposal had been tabled during the latest United States-Soviet talks in Geneva, the first session of which ended last week.

5,000 ceiling

But American spokesmen denied any such proposal had been made and no official clarification was available from Soviet sources.

The difficulty for the Americans with the Soviet proposals at Start was that they dealt with launchers rather than with the warheads carried on them. The American proposal, by contrast, was based on warhead numbers, with the ceiling fixed at 5,000.

Gen. Edward Rowny, the American negotiator at Start, estimated that the Soviet proposal would allow them to increase the number of their missile warheads from under 8,000 to about 11,000.

This was because their new intercontinental and submarine-launched missiles would be able to carry 10 warheads each.

He accused the Soviet Union after the talks had collapsed of tabling a proposal that gave "the appearance but not the reality" of reducing strategic weapons.

Move dismised

Mr Gorbachev's public resurrection of the Start proposal came shortly after his imposition until November of a halt to Soviet deployment of intermediate-range missiles aimed at Europe.

He has urged Nato to take a similar step with its cruise and Pershing-II missiles, a move that has been widely dismissed by Western governments as an attempt to consolidate Soviet superiority in this range of weaponry.

The return to the Start proposal may arouse more interest, however. General Rowny said last year that he left Geneva after the penultimate session of the talks in the summer of 1983 "with the expectation that we might be on the verge of a breakthrough."

He ascribed the Soviet withdrawal from the negotiations at the end of the same year to their campaign against cruise and Pershing II deployment, not to deadlock in the talks.

Mr Gorbachev's remarks in Warsaw indicate the Soviet Union is prepared to pick up from old positions, even though it has insisted entirely new talks have begun in Geneva.

The phrasing of this reference to the Strategic Defence Initiative, the major impediment in Soviet eyes to progres in Geneva, may be of interest to the Americans, too.

He did not make progress conditional on the Americans' halting research into anti-missile systems in space. He spoke in less specific terms about negotiations being possible if the "arms race" did not begin in space.

UNIFORM SHOW BY CHINESE ARMY OFFICERS

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Chinese Army officers appeared in new uniforms yesterday on the eve of the May Day celebrations. As giant portraits of Stalin, Marx, Engels an dLenin were erected in Peking the smartly-dressed soliders were seen on the streets for the first time.

No badges of rank were apparent and military sources said internal wrangling was continuing over this issue. The uniforms differ in quality, style and cut from the rank and file dress, which has already been unveiled, but are still a drab green.

The uniform includes a Soviet-styled hard-topped cap bearin ga star badge marked out against a blue background, with ears of wheat the centre-the pattern is to symbolise the ties between the People's Liberation Army and the masses.

£50,000 MURDER REWARD OFFER

An anonymous Chinese donor has offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to a conviction for the killing of two British teenagers in Hongkong last week, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The battered bodies of Nicola Myers, 18, and Kenneth McBride, 17, were found on a hillside. Police are uncertain how many attackers were involved and are still searching the area for evidence.—Reuter.

Envoy has Cairo talks on detained Britons

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

BRITISH and Egyptian officials were trying yesterday to sort out an apparent tangle over the release of two Britons held in Cairo for three months in connection with Libyan organised terrorism.

The two, Anthony Gill and Godfrey Shiner, were expected back in London yesterday, but were prevented from leaving at the last moment.

Mr Gill was tawen to Cairo airport by Egyptian security men, but then stopped from boarding a plane.

The British Ambassador, Sir Alan Urwick, went to the Foreign Office in Cairo yesterday. Officials said he "was trying to resolve some last-minute questions."

According to sources in Cairo, the Egyptians agreed to release the two Britains because they expected them to be arrested and face charges when they got back to London.

But British officials pointed out that the question of charges would be a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions, and no assurances could be given of what would happen.

Police said last night they would certainly want to question the two men when they returned to England.

The pair were originally implicated by the Egyptians in an attempted murder of a former Libyan Prime Minister living in exile in Cairo. Two Maltese, also due to be deported, were arrested at the same time.

Deportation decision

The Egyptian Interior Minister, Mr Ahmed Rushdi, was quoted by the Middle East news agency yesterday as saying the two Britons and two Maltese were to be deported following "intensive contacts and negotiations between Egypt, Britain and Malta." They are to be handed over to the British Embassy and a Maltese official now in Cairo.—Reuter.

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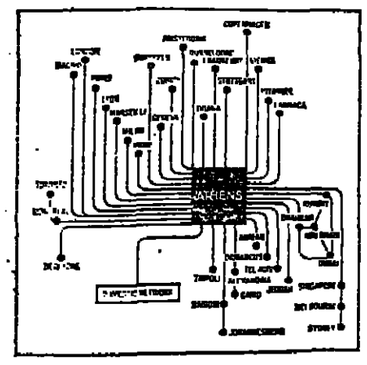

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POLISH LEADERS QUICK TO CURB MAY DAY DEMOS

By ROBIN GEDYE in Warsaw

THE Polish authorities began rounding up *Solidarity activists and imposed a* nationwide ban on the sale of alcohol yesterday on the eve of expected May Day anti-government demonstrations.

Three aides to Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, were detained in Gdansk and at least one prominent activist in Warsaw was under arrest, opposition sources said.

"May Day has begun with arrests," Mr Walesa said from his home in Gdansk.

He would try to join the official Communist party parade in his home town today as he did last year when he walked past astonished party officials his fingers raised in a V-sign before being swallowed up by the crowd.

Solidarity underground cells had called for counter demonstrations to government-sponsored marches and police security measures intensified in Warsaw and elsewhere over the past two days.

Lorries and buses filled with policemen have been seen crossing central Warsaw and police foot patrols in groups of three are on the streets.

Clear signs

There are clear signs that the government wishes no one to doubt that it intends to come down hard on any signs of dissent today.

The unprecedented security operation mounted five days ago for a meeting of Warsaw Pact leaders in the capital *included paramilitary police on* the streets and sharp-shooters on the rooftops. Many of the special troops drafted into Warsaw are still on hand.

And Mr Walesa sent a telegram to Parliament yesterday accusing the authorities of carrying out mass detentions to intimidate the population.

The government had deployed "thousands of *policemen and soldiers in the* streets and a lot of equipment destined for fighting against people."

The telegram continued: "Are we supposed to celebrate May Day in this way? Isn't it better to cancel parades than to rush the people under escort through the streets besieged with the forces of order? It will be a mockery of the celebration of the workers' holiday."

Earlier it was learned that Prof. Bromislaw Geremak, a historian of international repute, had lost his post at Warsaw's Academy of Sciences on the day o fthe Warsaw Pact meeting. The significance of the timing has not been lost on the population.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said Prof. Geremek, a senior Solidarity adviser, who had held the Academy job for 30 years, was dismissed for "activities damaging to the interests of the state and Polish science."

A number of academics in Poland active in the opposition trade union movement now face the possibility of similar disciplinary measures.

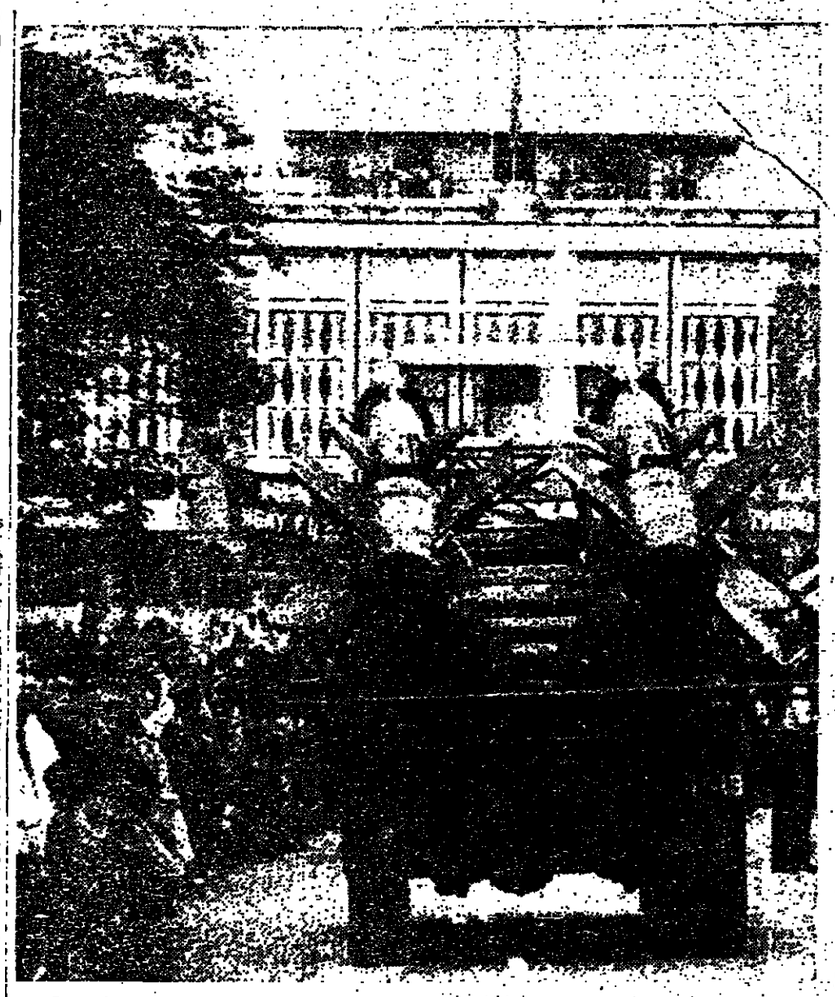
Gomulka's return

Mr Urban admitted that 112 political prisoners were currently in jail, confirming reports of a rise in arrests of anti-government activists.

The goverment appears to be entering the first stages of a programme to rehabilitate Wladyslaw Gomulka, whose orthodox Communist rule came to an abrupt end in workers' riots in 1970.

A plaque to Gomulka has been erected outside his old home in Warsaw and a square in the central city of Wroclaw has been named after him.

Observers are comparing tentative steps to rehabilitate him to similar moves in the Soviet Union to bring Stalin's name and reputation out of cold storage and into the public eye again.



Soviet-made Sam-7 missiles taking part yesterday in a Vietnamese Army parade throug the capital Ho Chi Minh City to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Vietnam celebrates 10th anniversary of Saigon's capture

By NANCY ANDERSON in Bangkok

VIETNAM yesterday celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Communist capture of Saigon with a military parade in the former South Vietnamese capital.

Troops marched 10 abreast, accompanied by T-54 tanks, anti-aircraft guns, multiple rocket launchers and surface-to-air missiles.

The military march was followed by a procession of floats, rows of schoolchildren, war veterans, cadres and women waving flags and flowers.

The parade route took the marchers past Independence Palace, seat of the former United States-backed South Vietnamese government.

Most of Hanoi's ruling politburo members, headed by the Communist party leader, Le Duan, were at the reviewing stand opposite the palace.

Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the National Assembly and vice-chairman of the Council of State awarded Saigon—now known as Ho Chi Minh City—the Gold Star order and instructed the city "to strive to realise its set targets with good results so as to make the city worthy of bearing the name of our respected and beloved uncle," the Vietnamese news agency reported.

Meanwhile, at least 30 Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 15 others wounded when Khmer guerillas ambushed a train in southern Cambodia

The Khmer Rouge said that in 15 days it sabotaged 76 points of the railroad which links Phnom Penh to Western Battambang province some 90 miles away.

KREMLIN PLEDGE

Continued support

NIGEL WADE IN MOSCOW reports: Russian commentaries on the tenth anniversary of America's defeat in Vietnam linked the event with the defeat of Hitler 40 years ago.

Articles in PRAVDA said it was a happy coincidence that the two anniversaries fell so close. Kremlin leaders sent a congratulatory telegram to Hanoi promising continued, political and economic support.

MURDER ACQUITTAL

Dianne Meloory, of Bagshot, Victoria, Australia, was found not guilty in the Supreme Court at Bendigo yesterday of murdering her husband. She said the Jan. 1983, shooting happened when she fired at a snake on their dairy farm. — Reuter.

PEKING SIT-IN ENDED

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

A DWINDLING band of former Red Guards abandoned a sit-in outside Peking's Communist party headquarters yesterday after being ordered to return to their homes in the remote Shansi province.

Exiled from Peking by Mao Tse-tung 17 years ago as part of his experiment to force young city dwellers to settle among peasants, they wanted permits to come back to live in the capital.

Their plight struck a sympathetic chord in Peking, where most of the party hierarchy suffered a similar fate under the late chairman. They were allowed a token protest for eight days.

However, with Peking one of China's most overcrowded cities, the authorities finally ran out of patience.

Chen Yitong, the mayor, and Li Xueming, municipal party chief, called the protesters to a meeting and, according to the State-run Press, berated them for "individualism harmful to the interests of the Sate and people."

They were ordered to leave immediately for their homes 200 miles west of the capital.

This was the first mention of the demonstration in China's newspapers, although most people in Peking seemed to have heard about it from BBC

The news black out was raised yesterday. Papers reported two anonymous "initiators" of the demonstration as saying they would leave the city at once.

'Several hundred die' in Soviet atrocities

By M. AFTAB in Islamabad

SEVERAL hundred Afghan civilians, including women and children, have been victims of Soviet military atrocities in Laghman, Kunduz and Samangan provinces over the last eight weeks, according to Western diplomatic dispatches received in Islamabad yesterday.

In Khanabad village in Kunduz province, near the Soviet border, Russian troops massacred 45 civilians, including women and children, on March 28.

This followed an attack by Islamic guerrillas earlier in the week, in which four or five Soviet soldiers were killed.

In a suburb of Kunduz itself, the Russians killed a "large number" of women and children by live (burning) coals, diplomats said. The incident took place in early March.

In Aibak village in Samangan, north-west of Kabul, "70 to 90" civilians were bayonetted to death of Russian troops in early April.

Soviet troops opened heavy machinegun fire on an open-air civilian gathering at Charbagh, near Laghman on the night of April 1. Several people were doused with petrol and set alight. "The victims are reportedly in hundreds," Western diplomats said.

Bombing victims

On April 14, Russian helicopters bombed the villages of Mandol and Chakawar, in Laghman province, killing or wounding 50 people. In four other villages a total of 45 *people were killed in Russian* bombing.

Sixty people were killed at Torghundi, close to Herat on the Iranian border, in March. The Russians cordoned off the villiage to prevent people from escaping, and opened machinegun fire. The action was in retaliation for a guerrilla ambush of a Soviet military convoy on March 23.

The Islamic rebels in Punjshir valley, north of Kabul, attacked a combined Soviet and Afghan military post at Parandeh, killing 30 Russian and Afghan troops, on April 10. Two guerrillas were killed and six injured.

MiG shot down

At Jaji, in Paktia province, near the Pakistani border, the guerrillas shot down a Soviet MiG on April 17, and two Mi-8 helicopters on April 19. The insurgents ambushed an Afghan military truck on April 15 at Islam Gala, in Herat province. Twelve military officers were killed and three soldiers arrested, diplomats said.

Guerrillas destroyed two Soviet helicopters as they landed at Deobandi, in Logar province, on April 15.

The insurgents also killed seven Afghan soldiers and arrested 15, after an attack in Paktia on April 17. In Kabul three Russians were stabbed to death between April 17 and 22.

Western diplomats said that a high-ranking Soviet military officer died in an Afghan military hospital in Kabul on April 27.

TWO-FRONT FIGHT FOR PRETORIA

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA'S ruling National party is battling on two political fronts, the ultra Right and the Left, in by-elections which take place today in two widely differing constituecies.

In the Newton Park constituency of Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape, the official opposition Progressive Federal party (PFP) is seeking to wrest the seat from the incumbent National party candidate.

While in a provincial by-election in Harrismith, in the Orange Free State, the ruling party is under pressure from Dr Andries Treurnicht's breakaway Conservative party.

The Port Elizabeth contest comes amid continued violence in nearby black townships. Political observers believe white residents' concern will favour the governing party which promises to enforce law and order.

Inter-race sex

But the Eastern Cape is also in the middle of a sharp economic recession. Canvassers came across four empty houses in a row, a factor that has encouraged the PFP.

In Harrismith, the Conservative party has waged an intensive campaign to show that the government's reform policies, notably the removal of laws prohibiting inter-racial sex and marriage, will lead inevorably to black majority rule.

The Conservatives are also expected to gain votes from the *disillusionment in this farming* area with government farming policies. The recent decision not to allow an increase in the producer price of maize has caused open revolt.

Despite the pressures, the National party is confident that it will hold both seats but with reduced majorities.

TURKISH ROUND-UP

Turkish security forces arrested 42 suspected Left-wing extremists in 10 days of operations in the Black Sea province of Amasya, the independent Hurrivet news agency reported yesterday. The were charged with harbouring wanted suspects and hiding illegal arms.—AP.

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BRITISH CURBS ON TAMILS CONDEMNED

By THOMAS NETTER in Geneva

MR POUL HARTLING, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, criticised the Home Office yesterday for imposing visa controls in an effort to prevent a "flood" of Tamil refugees from entering Britain.

On the eve of his departure for London, where he is expected to raise the Tamil visa question, Mr Hartling told a news conference in Geneva that such requirements could restrict flight from difficult situations.

"And, therefore, I don't like them," he said.

Informal talks

The comment brought to the surface what appears to be a strong degree of friction between the commissioner's office and Western European countries that have taken measures to restrict immigration while confirming their commitments to "humanitarian" treatment of refugees.

His remarks were made *during four days of "informal* consultations," called by the commissioner that ended yesterday and involved 20 West European nations with observers from Canada and the United States.

The refugee organisation, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1982 for its efforts to save the Vietnamese "boat people," is apparently increasingly concerned over restrictive immigration and refugee poli*cies in Western Europe that are* often, so the perception goes, based on the colour of the asylum seekers.

The issue was sensitive enough to prompt participants in this week's meetings to bar the Press. Several delegates showed a reluctance to respond to reporters' queries.

The Home Office tightened restrictions on Tamils this week to prevent, it said, the flow from becoming a flood in the *wake of communal violence in* Sri Lanka.

Mr Hartling told reporters he regretted the move, since it pitted one Commonwealth country against another.

Practices unchanged

"If people are coming and are in a dangerous situation, they should be treated humanely," he said. "They should not be sent back if they are in danger, but I don't think all Sri Lankans in Britain will be sent home."

Observers at the closed meetings this wek said the problem *of restrictive practices, often* based on the colour or race of refugees, was unchanged, despite pledges to pursue "humanitarian" practices and accelerate processing of asylum requests.

They deplored the concept of "regionalisation," which they called a ploy to kep refugees in areas near their country of origin.

Britain is not the only nation wrestling with a refugee prob*lem. Switzerland has also* decreed that Tamil refugees are safe to return home, and a row has erupted in the Netherlands

SRI LANKA SEEKS INDIA CRACKDOWN

By DAVID GRAVES in Colombo

PRESIDENT Jayewardene of Sri Lanka is to meet Mr Gandhi, Indian *Prime Minister, in New* Delhi tomorrow in a fresh attempt to find a solution to the communal violence in Sri Lanka.

On neither side are hopes high, and one Indian official said yesterday: "We are waiting to see if President Jayewardene really means business or not."

The President is expected to impress on Mr Gandhi the *need for an Indian crackdown* to stop Sri Lanka's Tamil secessionists using the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu as a base for terrorism in the north of the island 22 miles across the Palk Strait.

It is thought that Mr Gandhi anxious to placate the 55 million Tamils living in Tamil Nadu, will expect the President to offer wider devolution and security to the 2,600,000 Tamils comprising 18 per cent. *of the population of Sri Lanka.*

Angry response

In December, during the Indian general election campaign, Mr Gandhi accused the Sri Lankan security forces of "indiscriminate killing" of innocent Tamil civilians, which provoked an agry *response* from Colombo.

President Jayewardene, referring to the Sikh crisis in Punjab, said yesterday he hoped the talks would enable both countries to "defeat terrorism."

His Government has come under intense pressure since the Anuradhapura massacre on May 15 in which Tamil rebels rampaged through the ancient Buddhist sacred city, killing 146 Sinhalese civilians.

Mr Gandhi and President Jayewardene plan to break off their summit meeting briefly to visit together the cyclone-stricken areas of Bangladesh.

LULL ENDS

Nine killed

Nine people were killed in renewed violence in Sri Lanka late on Thursday between Sinhalese and Tamils after a 48-hour lull in the activities of Tamil separatises, police said in Colombo yesterday.

The lull coincided with a visit to Sri Lanka by the Indian Foreign Secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, and the Colombo Press said it was due to rebels not wanting to affect the talks being held. Mr Bhandari left for New Delhi on Thursday night.—A P.

INDIAN AID FOR NEIGHBOUR

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

MR GANDHI, Indian *Prime Minister*, yesterday released 10 million rupees (£625,000) from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to be sent immediately to Bangladesh as emergency aid for victims of last weekend's cyclone.

In West Bengal state, which adjoins Bangladesh, Mr Jyoti Basu, chief minister, has sent 100,000 rupees as a donation from his people.

As well as the cash, the Indian government has put together a package that includes medicines, cholera and typhoid vaccine, clothing, blankets, roofing sheets for relief shelters and food.

Mr Gandhi flies to Dacca tomorrow with President Jayewardene *of Sri Lanka to assess* the way in which the Indian government can best help Bangladesh.

INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF PEOPLE'S DAILY

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

The People's Daily, organ of the Chinese Communist party, with a circulation of five million, is to begin distributing a special international edition later this month in Europe, Japan and the United States.

More than £650,000 has been spent on computer type-setting equipment from Japan for printing the paper, which is to be transmitted by satellite.

Dummy editions suggest the content is to be aimed at countering the strength of Taiwanese newspapers, particularly in the United States. In addition, emphasis is put on the business aspects of China's "open door" policy.

QUICK START TO GENEVA TALKS

By Our Geneva Correspondent

American and Russian arms negotiators moved quickly into *formal metings yesterday* with a three-hour session on strategic, long-range weaponry just 24 hours after formally reopening their negotiations in Geneva.

Neither side would comment on what was discussed at the meeting in the Soviet compound.

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SCHOOLBOY DIES IN BASQUE BLAST

By Our Madrid Correspondent

A 14-year-old schoolboy and a policeman were killed in a remote-controlled bomb attack on two squad cars in a busy *street in Pamplona, on the* edge of the Spanish Basque country yesterday.

In another attack, by the Basque separatist organisation E T A, an executive at an arms factory near Bilbao was killed by a single shot in the head.

TALKS IN MOSCOW

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Mr Gorbachev the Kremlin leader, and Mr Gustav Husak, the Czech Communist chief, held talks in Moscow yesterday. They stressed the need "to pool efforts in advanced areas of science, technology and production," said the Soviet News Agency.

FREE DONATIONS

National Girobank said yesterday that donations to the Bangladesh cyclone appeal, launched by major charities, could be made free at most Post Offices on a transcash form.

Together again—a father and daughter re-united in Bangladesh yesterday six days after the cyclone tidal waves devastated their home and swept them away. Six other members of the family are still missing.

Britain taking more interest in Eureka

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

BRITAIN *matched its willingness to take part in* the American space weapons research programme with a message to Paris yesterday announcing that it broadly supported a potential rival, the French Eureka proposals for boosting Europe's high technology.

A lengthy letter from Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, to M. Dumas, his French counterpart, was described by Foreign Office officials as "positive."

Its main qualification seems to be an insistence that private companies should be in the driving seat, not governments, as the French are thought to prefer.

Eureka, the *European* Research Co-ordination Agency, seks to prevent wasteful competition between European firms and ensure that developments in high technology are properly exploited.

Counter-attraction

The French have rejected the American offer of a share of the Strategic Defence Initiative research programme and have urged the West Germans to adopt a similar position.

Eureka is their counter-attraction to European nations undecided about the American offer. The emphasis is on the civil applications of technology's "high frontier," but the military applications are bound to make it overlap with the space

So far no one has raised the question of money to fund Eureka, but the British are thinking in terms of "a small, cost-effective agency," according to a Foreign Office official.

Parallel with support for Eureka, the pace of Britain's interest in the American scheme is quickening. A team of Ministry of Defence scientists will visit Washington this month, after Lt-Gen. James Abrahamson, space project director, has made a briefing trip to Britain, probably on June 7-8.

GORBACHEV CALLS FOR 'PROPOSALS'

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, called last night for both sides at the American-Soviet arms talks in Geneva to table "practical proposals" within two months for reducing nuclear arsenals.

He renewed Moscow's proposal for an immediate joint moratorium on nuclear and space weapons to promote trust at the talks, now entering an eightweek second round.

The Kremlin chief repeated that space weapons should be banned. He was speaking at a Kremlin dinner for the Czech leader, Mr Gustav Husak.

"We sugest that in introducing a moratorium the Soviet Union and the United States agree that they will make at *talks during a specific period*, say, a month or two, their practical proposals on all the questions under consideration, including the levels to which *they would* be prepared to reduce their strategic offensive armaments, naturally on condition that attack space weapons are banned," Mr Gorbachev said.

Moscow has repeatedly said that progress in reducing strategic and medium-range *missiles could be made if* Washington dropped its space weapons research.

Mr Gorbachev said on Monday that the first round of Geneva talks was fruitless because America refused to discuss a ban on space weapons.

Hopes for Namibia solution fade

By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

ANGOLA is breaking off negotiations with South African commandos in clash involving South African commandoes in the Cabinda enclave in *northern Angola.*

This has severley set back prospects for an internationally recognised independence settlement in South-West Africa (Namibia).

Mr Pik Botha, South African Foreign Minister, has said it appears Angola wants a pretext to break off negotiations on the withdrawl of 30,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

The Cabinda clash appears to have brought about the *collapse of an entire diplomatic* structure based on months of delicate negotiations orchestrated mainly by Mr Chester Crocker, United States Under - Secretary of State for Africa, and supported by President Reagan.

Mrf Botha said in Pietersburg in the northern Transvaal that *South Africa remained* willing to honour its international commitments on South-West Africa provided a firm agreement could be reached on Cuban *withdrawl from Angola.*

But is was no longer sure to what extent this goal remained attainable. This appears to indicate South Africa may press ahead with an internal settlement.

South Africa would exchange views with parties to the multi-*party conference* in South-West Africa, with the United States, and possibly with other governments, before deciding if it was worthwhile to continue negotiations, Mr Botha added.

'CAN SEND MORE'

Threat by Castro

MICHAEL KALLENBACH reports from Havana: A threat to send more Cubans to Angola has been made by Dr Costro, the Cuban leader.

This was stated in Havana yesterday by Senor Perez de Cuellar, United Nations Secretary-General, who said that during his visit the Cuban leader reaffirmed his commitment to leave Cuban troops in Angola until Resolution 455 of the United Nations was implemented.

News Round-up

REAGAN SELLS HIS TAX PLAN

By RICHARD BEESTON in Malvern, Pennsylvania

PRESIDENT REAGAN took his campaign-style sales drive for his controversial tax reform plan to Pennsylvania's "Silicon Valley East" yesterday, declaring his tax proposals would ensure America's high-tech industries would "win the race of the 21st century."

Denouncing the present tax code for providing tax dodges and shelters in "Cayman Islands trusts," Mr Reagan said, "It's about time that we pulled our investment money out of foreign tax havens and put it back into fuelling America's economic growth."

However, he said, "Right now the army of lobbyists and special interests are dug in around the Capitol building, firing every weapon in their arsenal, in an attempt to shoot down our proposals."

Claiming that his Administration's tax cuts to date had turned the sick American economy into "the strongest, most dynamic, most innovative economy in the world," Mr Reagan said the new tax plan could "ignite the second stage of our booster rocket and blast *this economy to new heights of* achievement."

Pilots guilty of manslaughter

Two pilots of a Swiss charter airliner that plunged into the sea off Madeira in 1977, killing 36 people, have been sentenced in a Geneva court after being found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Gilbert Noel, 46, the pilot, received a two-year term, and Nicolas Meget, 45, the co-pilot, an 18-month suspended sentence. The pilots, accused of violation of flight regulations, had argued that they received faulty and insufficient information from a control tower.

Weight men vanish

Albania has demanded the return of two weightlifters, Aleksander Komlo and Xhelal Suknigi, who are said to have disappeared on Tuesday in Yugoslavia while on their way home from the European weightlifting championships in Poland. Relations between Yugoslavia and Albania have been strained since pro-Albanian riots in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo in 1981.

Compensation order

A South Korean civil court has ruled for the first time that the State should pay compensation to a victim of police torture.

The court in Seoul ordered the government to pay compensation of about £22,000 to Ko *Suk-jong, 40, saying there were* signs she was tortured during police investigations into a 1982 murder case.

Czech missing

A Czechoslovak gymnast, Daniel Orlet, 19, in Norway for European championships disappeared on Tuesday and may have defected according to Norwegian Sports Federation sources who believed he had left for another West European country.

No-smoking bonus

A bonus of about £20 a month is being offered by Herr Heinz Foerster, 65, head of a warehousing business in Hermuelheim, Cologne, to staff who stop smoking. Anyone who starts again has to pay it back.

Death appeal fails

An appeal against sentence of death has been lost by former *Senior Pte Hezekiah Ochukah*, ringleader of an abortive attempt to topple the Kenyan Government in August, 1982.—Reuter.

Submarine hunt

Norwegian Air Force planes and naval vessels searched for a possible submarine in the Sognefjord after an object resembling a submarine was reported on the surface in the *outermost part of the fjord.*

Ghana executions

Three people were executed by firing squad in Accra for conspiracy and trying to sabotage Ghana's economy. Last week Ghana executed 11 people *for various crimes.*

Reagan rejects plea by Hussein for U.S. move in Mid-East

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

A DISAPPOINTED King Hussein of Jordan left Washington yesterday with little to show for his attempts to give the United States a more active role in the search for Middle East peace.

Jordanian officials said the King was "not happy" about the outcome of his visit. At the same time, they said, he was "not desperate."

President Reagan, according to informants, resisted the King's plea for more direct participation in the peace process.

Mr Reagan is said to be extremely wary of trying once again to play the broker between Israel and the Arab countries. Until there is a clear-cut willingness of the part of the Arabs to deal directly with Israel, Washington wil move cautiously, it was stressed.

Doubts over Russia

King Hussein's desire for the Middle East to be discussed at *an international forum* that would include the Soviet Union is also being looked upon with great scepticism by the Americans.

They do not want to take part in a conference that would provide the Russians with a propaganda platform on such a sensitive issue.

One of the few moves on which Mr Reagan looked favourably was a possible meeting between American officials and *a joint Jordanian - Palestian* delegation

King Hussein told members of Congress at a private meeting that Mr Arafat, the PLO leader, had declared he was willing to name delegates who were not members of his organisation. But he would like some of them to be members of the Palestine National Council, which acts as a parliament for the PLO.

Mr. Reagan told King Hussein that such a meeting could take place in the near future.

But the key to progress appears to lie in public declaration by Mr Arafat that he is willing to deal with Israel on the basis of United Nations resolutions that enshrine Israel's right to exist. King *Hussein's assurance on this* is apparently not enough.

A report that the King had cut short his visit to the United States because of a Middle East newspaper report of a plot to overthrow him was denied by a spokesman at the Jordanian Embassy.

'IRON FIST' DESCENDS ON LEBANESE

By MAIER ASHER in Jerusalem

ISRAELI forces are using an "iron fist" in the southern Lebanon security *zone following* the increase in Shi'ite attacks on Israeli and Lebanese Christian forces.

The Israelis have demolished at least 10 houses belonging to residents of the six-mile-wide zone, including homes belonging to people living close to the *international* border.

According to eye-witness accounts in the Israeli press, the authorities followed their earlier practice of assembling residents in the village square where suspected terrorists were paraded.

Rockets dismantled

The activities the men were suspected of were announced and then their houses detonated.

Last week, bombs and rockets were found in the security zone north of the Israeli border and were dismantled, a military *source said. The proximity of* terrorist infiltration to the border indicates attacks may be transferred to Israel after the Israeli forces withdraw.

The few remaining Israeli forces in southern Lebanon are expected to cross the border next week with the 2,000-man Christian militia known as the South Lebanese Army taking over control against terrorist activities. But the Israeli forces will be close by to offer their help.

Meanwhile, Israeli police yesterday detained a Hebron resident and opened files against six other Jewish settlers suspected of harassing and attacking Arabs.

The extreme Right-wing Gush Emunim leaders representing the settlers plan further steps against Arab villagers to whose homes some of the 1,150 Palestinian prisoners sentenced for terrorism and released last month in exchange for three Israelis have returned.

Inquiry call

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Amnesty International has appealed to President Gemayel of Lebanon to investigate the allegations of atrocities against Palestinian prisoners during the fighting in refugee camps.

NATO PIPE BLAST

A bomb attributed to Left-*wing extremists exploded at a* pumping station on the Nato oil pipeline near the Frankfurt Rhine-main American air base, causing damage but no injuries.

Close result expected in Greek election

By MICHAEL FIELD in Athens

GREECE goes to the polls tomorrow, and a close result is forecast. Some surmise a big win by the conservative Opposition, but most of the experts and participants remain *cautious.*

Today provides a moment of calm after a hectic and noisy election campaign.

The campaign ended last night with meetings by the two main contending parties, Pasok, the pan-Hellenic socialist movement led by Mr Andreas Papandreou, outgoing Prime Minister, and New Democracy, the conservative party led by Mr Constantine Mitsotakis.

Mr Papandreou, who is criticised by his chief rival as "unpredictable, impulsive and unreliable," said that inflation was down from 25 to 16 per cent.

The Communists, who say they would support a Pasok minority Government only if it agreed to their minimum demands, insist that the "rein forced" system of proportional representation to be used is unfair to smaller parties.

They object to a provision allocating left over seats to the party with the relative majority in the whole country considered as a single constituency.

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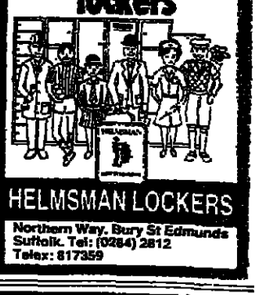

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Reagan's cemetery salute 'exonerating Nazism' says Kremlin

BITBURG RESIDENTS CHERISH LINKS WITH U.S. TROOPS

By ROBERT TILLEY in Bitburg

PRAYERS are being said at the German War Cemtery at Bitburg tonight for peace to return to the small, hill-top graveyard, centre of a transatlantic row over plans by President Reagan to lay a wreath there on Sunday.

The prayer meeting is being organised by a citizens' action group formed a fortnight ago to protect the special relationship built up by the 12,000 townspeople with the American community of 12,000 attached to the nearby United States Air Force base.

"We shall be praying that this affair will leave undamaged the strong friendship in this town between Americans and Germans," said Frau Elfriede Graupeter, leader of the group.

Frau Graupeter spent yesterday at the cemetary handing out leaflets urging support for German-American friendship.

The action group has been removing any overt signs of anti-American feeling in the town.

Demos planned

Yesterday it had not yet got around to spray-painted "Reagan Go Home" slogans on road bridges outside Bitburg. The sloans also called for support for demonstrations to be held in the town on Sunday by pacifist groups.

As a steady stream of reporters and other visitors filed through the cemetery yesterday, a woman tried to direct attention from the flower-decorated S S graves by placing large bouquets of yellow spring flowers below the roub granite crosses at the entrance to the graveyard.

Cemetery workers grumbled about the worn, muddy state of the grass in the front row of the 2,000 graves, where 13 of the S S men are buried. It is there, at a wall of remembrance, that Mr Reagan is due to lay a wreath.

Esteemed guest, says Kohl

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

ON the eve of President Reagan's arrival in West Germany, Chancellor Kohl said yesterday he was certain that the visit would render a "great service" to West German-American relations.

With the row over the President's trip to the war cemetery at Bitburg still brewing, Dr Kohl told the final Cabinet meeting before the world economic summit in Bonn that President Reagan as "a highly esteemed and welcome guest."

His visit was "a manifestation of the friendship between the American and German people."

Meanwhile, preparations for the wreath-laying ceremony at the Bitburg cemetery, where among the 2,000 war dead are 49 members of the Waffen S S, are going ahead.

Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, Chancellery Minister, said the Bitburg visit was "for the German side never in question."

He thought it unlikely that Mr Reagan would in addition be visiting Remagen, where American troops first crossed the Rhine in March, 1945, because of time considerations.

This had been suggested as an attempt to defuse some of the criticism the President has had to face from American veterans' organisations.

Similarly a trip to the grave and house of Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's first Chancellor at Rhöndorf, above the Rhine, was seen as improbable.

President Reagan's controversial visit tothe Bitburg cemetery was applauded yesterday by the Association of German War Victims, which in a statement relayed the thanks of 500,000 war widows and their "great respect" for this gesture of reconciliation.

Chancellor Kohl is known to have expressed the belief that he had to remain firm on the visit to the war cemetery and show consideration for "national self-respect." And, according to a recent opinion poll, 72 per cent of West Germans were behind him.

He is understood to be furious at the American tendency, reflected in the Bitburg furore, still to view the Germans as Nazis, ignoring what West Germany has achieved in the post-war years and contributed to the Western Alliance.

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A guiding hand from Chancellor Kohl yesterday as he welcomed Mr Nakasone, Japanese Prime Minister, for a State visit to Bonn

MISSILES LINK SEEN BY RUSSIA

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S planned visit to a German war cemetery "looks not so much like reconciliation as exoneration of Nazism" Tass news agency said yesterday.

A bitterly-worded commentary said Mr Reagan's claim that SS soldiers buried there were themselves victims of Nazism was "a trite gimmick" with which Hitler's henchmen tried to save themselves at Nuremberg.

Tass said the planned visit, combined with the placing of American Pershing-2 missiles in West Germany, encouraged German extremists who had "not learned the lessons" of the war.

'Unsavoury gamble'

"Now that the White House is faced with mounting waves of indignation and protests, the Washington and Bonn sponsors of Operatio Bitburg are manoeuvring in every way. They are trying to put a good face on the matter by means of propaganda tricks, to cover up an unsavoury political gamble."

Moscow has consistently claimed that the real reason for the visit is that Mr Reagan wants to make a gesture which will help Chancellor Kohl to get Pershing missiles accepted more readily in West Germany, particularly at a base near Bitburg.

Blitz veterans will recall VE Day at street parties

By GUY RAIS

LONDONERS who experienced the Blitz will be holding street parties on the anniversary of V E Day today week, just as they did 40 years ago.

The Greater London Council is spending £175,000 on a day-long entertainment, culminating in a firework display on the Thames.

Mr Ken Livingstone, the council's leader, said yesterday that the celebrations would commemorate peace and were "in no way a glorification of war."

"Although I was not born until six weeks after the war ended, I know Londoners' scale of sacrifice was immense, and we are paying respect to the contributions they made."

With peace as the theme of the celebration, 15,000 balloons, each bearing a symbolic dove will be released over County Hall on VE Day.

Free entertainment

The evening will be devoted to free entertainment, with the Northern Dance Orchestra playing tunes which Glenn Miller made famous during the early 1940s.

Acts on the stage in Jubilee Gardens along the South Bank will include an anti-nuclear group, "The Fall-out Marching Band."

Elsewhere in the country, an exhibition telling how Birmingham coped with six years of war will be opened in the city's Museum and Art Gallery.

Birmingham factories were a favourite target for German bombers for eight months between August 1940 and April, 1941, and special sound and light effects will recreate the atmosphere of the most traumatic period in the city's history.

At Weymouth, where thousands of Allied troops embarked on D-Day, there will be a street party on the Esplanade. A salvo from a Royal Navy ship will herald the lighting of an anniversary beach bonfire.

Polish and American veterans will be given a special welcome at the reunion celebrations at Mere, Wiltshire, where a full day's programme of events has been arranged.

Nowhere will commemoration and celebration be more poignantly observed than in the Channel Islands—the only part of Britain to be occupied by the Germans after the fall of France in 1940.

To mark the 40th anniversary—and the island's liberation—more than 10,000 Jersey children, who only know of the harsh occupation through history books, will be given a specially-minted

The reverse side of the Crown depicts the destroyer, Beagle, on whose deck the German surrender was signed, and Mr Winston Churchill's immortal words, "Our Dear Channel Islands are to be Freed Today."

The Duchess of Kent will be the islands' guest of honour, visiting Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark during a three-day visit.

A replica of the Swedish Red Cross ship, Vega, which brought food parcels saving the islanders from starvation, will take part in a parade in Guernsey.

This time it will again contain parcels of food—for the island's less privileged.

Members of the Parachute and Glider Pilots' regimental associations will attend what is expected to be their last reunion service on Sunday, May 12, at Bigein Hill, Kent, the former Battle of Britain airfield.

Among those attending will be veterans of the Polish Parachute Brigade.

More than 100 former commando and members of the Coastal Forces Veterans' Association, who served in small ships around the Yugoslav coast, will return to the island of Vis to commemorate VE-Day.

Major Laurence MacCallum, former second-in-command of No. 2 Commando, will lay a wreath and unveil a commemorative plaque.

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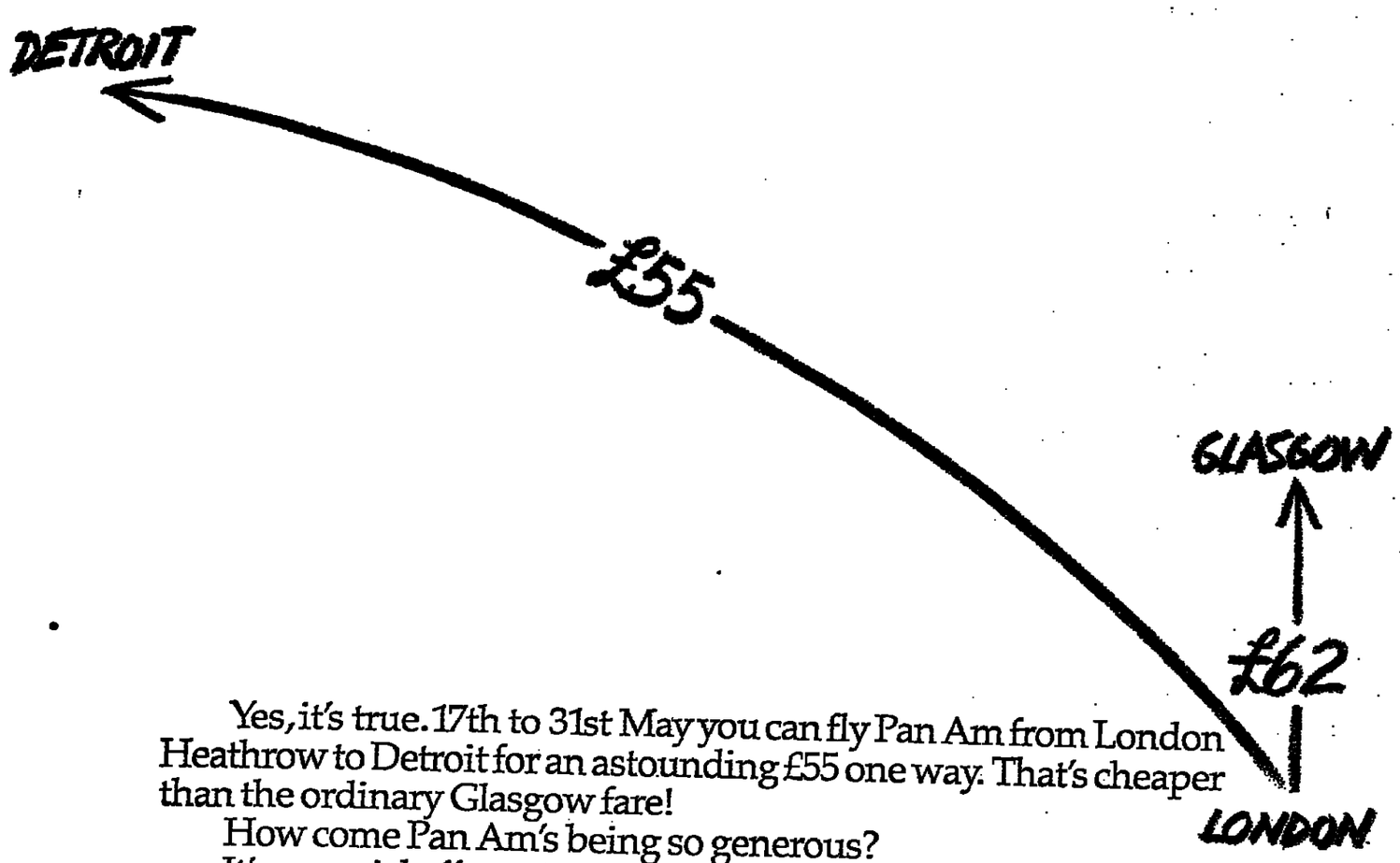

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Acid rain damage adds to avalanche danger

By THOMAS NETTER in Andermatt, Switzerland

THE Swiss alpine village of Andermatt is facing a major problem. Pollution damage has forced foresters to cut many of the trees that serve as natural brakes against avalanches.

Fear of avalanches is no idle concern in Switzerland, where from January to mid-April the "white death" had claimed more than 30 victims. In addition there is growing concern about damage to the country's forests.

On the one hand there is a host of conservation groups, led by the World Wildlife Fund, fighting the so-called "acid rain" phenomenon that has left one in three trees "dead or doomed."

On the other hand there is an influential car lobby that opposes conservationists' demands for lowered speed limits as a means of cutting car exhaust emissions and helping to save trees.

'Life and death'

In villages like Andermatt across Switzerland forests have for centuries held back avalanches and mudslides. One fourth of the nation's land is trees, and another fourth is mountains, and it is no understatement when some conservationists say the threat to forests is a matter of life and death.

Most people, however, do not associate Switzerland with a pollution crisis, pointing rather to West Germany, where pollution-diseased trees constitute 50 per cent. of the forests.

Swiss conservationists and pro-conservation M Ps hope that efforts taken so far to reduce speed limits, require catalytic converters, introduce lead-free petrol, and remove dead trees will inspire West Germany and other West European nations, where the problem appears to be spreading.

The fear is that the problem may soon become irreversible.

Speed compromise

Governments in Switzerland and West Germany are caught between opponents of lower speed limits and stricter controls and those political groups like the West German "Greens" who favour more radical measures.

The Swiss Government compromised last year, lowering speed limits from 150 kilometres (about 80 miles an hour) to 120 (74 mph) on its motorways, instead of the 100 (62 mph) as sought by environmentalists.

Car exhausts are not the only factor, but they play a major role. The Swiss national network of air pollution monitoring stations, called "NABEL," published a report in 1983 showing that much of the acid rain is due to nitrogen oxides, produced in car exhausts, plus sulphur oxides, resulting from heavy industry and burning of fossil fuels.

Ironically, such findings have been used in Britain to defuse criticism of inaction over preventing pollution from coal-burning power stations.

Nevertheless admission among EEC countries that there is a problem appears to be growing, and at a March meeting EEC environment ministers agreed that big cars must have pollution controls by 1989, medium cars by 1993, and small cars by 1994.

They also decided to make lead-free petrol available throughout the EEC by 1989, and to adopt limited tax incentives encouraging motorists to buy "environment-friendly" cars with pollution-reducing equipment.

The non-EEC Swiss have already "gone it alone." Public pressure has inspired the Lower House in Berne to call for lowering speed limits further in Switzerland, which has the highest density of roads and cars in Europe.

But there are elements of the acid rain problem the Swiss cannot control. The nation's own industries emit the lowest level of sulphur pollution in Europe.

Much of the pollution comes from industrial fallout, blown across the border from Germany and France.

50 pc OF BIRDS 'KILLED BY OIL POLLUTION'

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Nearly half the sea birds found dead on north sea beaches are killed by oil pollution, according to a study submitted to the International Maritime Organisation, the United Nations agency based in London.

A two-year survey by the West German Hydrographics Institute showed that most of the oil came from ships, not from North Sea oilfields. The cause was the washing-out of crude oil tanks, not accidents.

"There is no proof of a decline in sea bird population but the long-term effects on bird population cannot be ruled out," said the report.

ACTIVISTS FOIL DUMPING TRIP

Greenpeace activists had stopped a ship from dumping chemical waste in the North Sea two days after a similar action failed, a spokesman for the environmental group said in Amsterdam yesterday.

Three men and two women boarded the ship as it left the Westerschelde estuary, near the Belgian border carrying 1,000 tons of waste from titanium dioxide production in Ghent, Belgium, the vessel soon turned back.—Reuter.

WOODS CAMPAIGN

Friends of the Earth in Scotland have launched Woodwatch, a campaign to protect broad-leaved woodlands. Nearly half the woodlands have been lost since 1945.

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NCCL INQUIRY MEMBERS QUIT OVER 'INTERFERENCE'

By A. J. McILROY

ALL six members of the independent inquiry set up by the National Council for Civil Liberties to investigate the policing of the miners' strike, resigned yesterday because of "intolerable interference from the council's Left-wing extremists."

The resignations are the latest development in the faltering campaign led by Mr Larry Gostin, general secretary, and other moderates" to rescue the image of the council" by breaking the grip of the far Left.

The inquiry team, which includes Mr Gostin and Mr John Alderson, former chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, is to cary on "as a group of private individuals to finish the job."

Most of the inquiry's spending needs have already been met so financing the rest of the process will not delay publication by late summer, I was told.

Three of the six members of the inquiry team are also members of the NCCL.

'WE FIGHT ON'

Prof. Peter Wallington, head of the Department of Law at Lancaster University, who is the inquiry's chairman, said yesterday that the resignations did not mean that the three who were also members of the NCCL had quit the council as well.

"I have no intention of resigning from the council," he said. "It is essential to the future of this proven organisation in its 52nd year that we fight on in the cause of moderation."

The Left-wing had made the inquiry's position untenable as an independent body making a broad approach to a crucial civil libitarian issue, he added.

Right of individual

The inquiry, set up in August 1984 at the height of public concern over picket line violence, made an interim report last December in which it criticised many aspects of police behaviour, and accused the Government of having used the police for political purposes.

It also criticised violence on picket lines and in mining communities and affirmed the right of the individual workers to travel to work during a strike as a basic civil liberty.

At the NCCL's annual meeting last weekend the Left, to the dismay of Mr Goston and other moderates, forced through a motion stating that the collective right to strike overrides the right for individuals to work during a strike.

In a statement announcing the decision of the inquiry panel to resign en bloc, Prof. Wallington said: "We have resigned because the NCCL has rejected the basis of our approach to civil liberties and the policing of the (miners) dipute, and has made it impossible for us to produce an effective final report.

"We set out to examine the policing in the context of the events that took place in the mining areas, and we do not understand how else the role of the police could be judged.

'Independence essential'

"This is what we believed we were asked to do, and we regret that the NCCL has now rejected our approach. We were also set up as an independent inquiry, and independence from other organisations and the NCCL itself is essential to our work.

"Establishing and putting on record the facts of the civil liberties implications of the policing of the strike remains a task of major importance.

"No other body is likely to undertake an inquiry of this nature. Accordingly, we have decided to continue our work as a group of private individuals, and we shall make arrangements to publish our report as soon as it can be completed."

"Beyond its terms'

At last weekend's annual meeting a resolution was carried condemning the inquiry panel for "going beyond its terms of reference" by including the striking miners as well as the police and judiciary in its brief.

Attempts by Mr Gostin to get moderate motions passed were rejected.

Mr Gostin was still widely expected last night to resign as general secretary, despite pleas from Prof Wallington and other moderates to reconsider.

Mr Gostin said yesterday: "I continue to be general secretary and it would be inappropriate of me to comment until I have met the council's executive on Thursday.

"I feel that speaking to them first is the right and decent thing to do."

Restraint urged

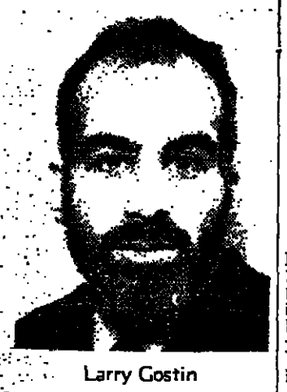
I understand that at tomorrow's 24-member executive meeting Mr Gostin will press hard his view that unless members like Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the Greater London Council police committee, and Mr Jacob Ecclestone, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, exercise restraint on the Left he could not stay on as general secretary.

Mr Ecclestone, a vice-chairman of the NCCL, said yesterday: "I regret that the members of the inquiry have found it necessary to resign because a small part of their report was criticised."

Other members of the inquiry team are: Mrs Sarah McCabe, formerly of Oxford University's Centre for Criminiological Research: Dr Christopher Mason, a lecturer in international relations at Glasgow University and a member of Strathclyde regional council police and fire committee: and Mr Ian Martin, with Amnesty International and until recently general secretary of the Fabian Society.

At tomorrow's meeting of the executive Mr Gostin and his supporters intend to point out that without them the NCCL will become a Left-wing organisation without any moderating or broad-based representation.

This, they claim, must lead to a decline in membership, boosted from 6,000 to around 10,000 in the organisation's recent 50th year.



Larry Gostin

Jeeps 'sacked' question for Macfarlane

Daily Telegraph Reporter

MR MACFARLANE, Sports Minister, is to be challenged in the Commons today to deny that he has dismissed Mr Dickie Jeeps, 53, as chairman of the Sports Council.

Dr John Cunningham, Shadow Environment spokesman, has been prompted to put down a Parliamentary question following reports that Mr Jeeps has been relieved of his £21,000-a-year part-time post.

Mr Jeeps, an England rugby international between 1956 and 1962, has been chairman of the Sports Council since 1978 during which time he has been criticised for links with South Africa and his attitude on sporting relations with it.

On holiday

He left England at the weekend for a fortnight's holiday in Kenya. The Department of Environment denied yesterday that he had been dismissed and said that he would still be chairman when he returned.

A spokesman for the Sports Council said that its information about Mr Jeeps' position came from the Department of Environment. "The Department told our Director-General, Mr John Wheatley that Mr Jeeps is still chairman of the Sports Council."

The council will receive £50,112,000 in Government grants for the benefit of sport in the year 1985-86.

NAVY CAPTAIN IN COLLISION REPRIMANDED

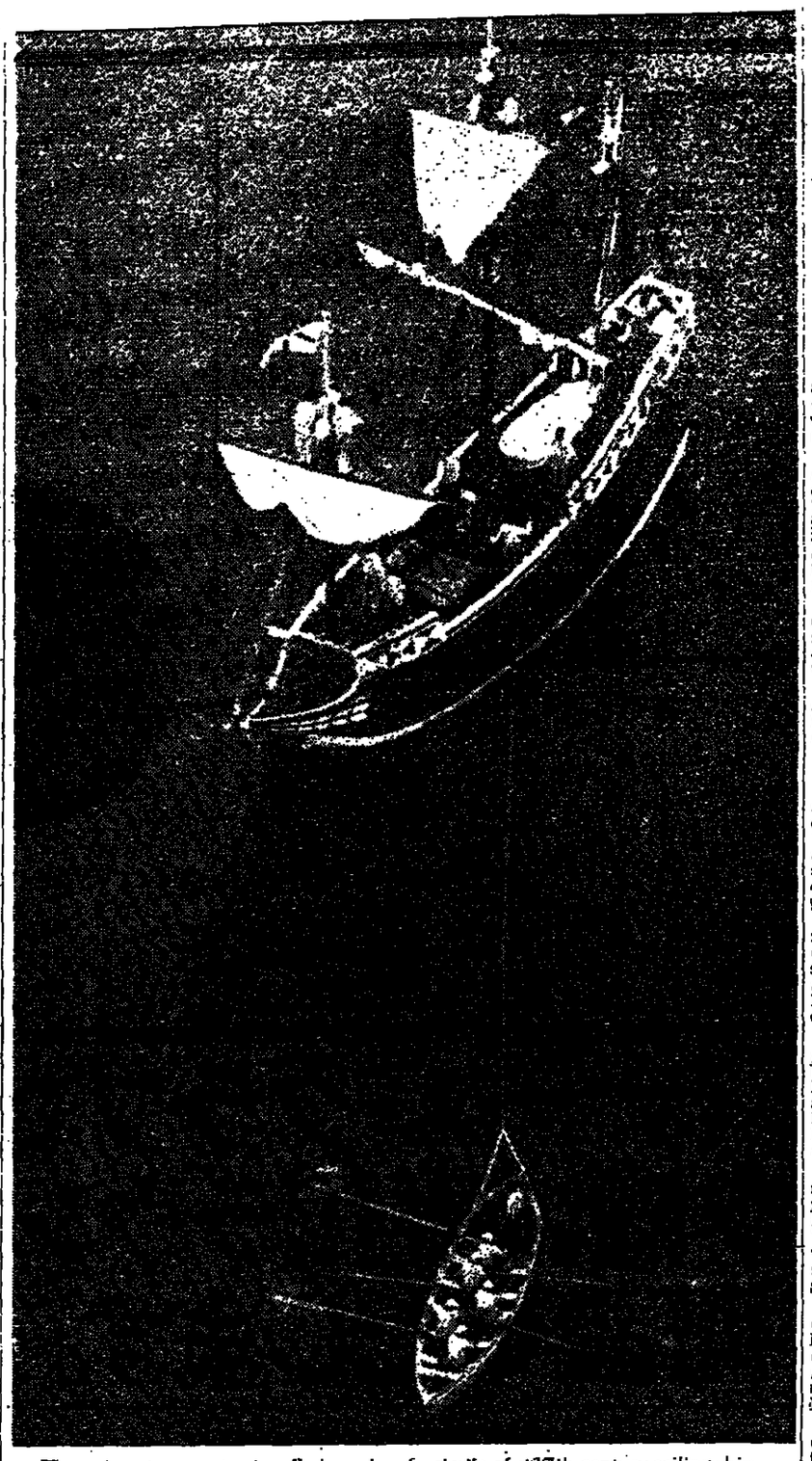
A Royal Navy captain was reprimanded by a court martial yesterday after his ship hit and sank a navigational buoy during exercises off Portland Bill.

Captain David Dobson, 46, of Leicestershire, was the third member of the crew of the guided-missile destroyer, Southampton, 4,100 tons, to be court martialled at Portsmouth following the incident in October last year. He pleaded guilty to two charges of negligence.

The captain was not on the bridge at the time of the collision. The officer of the watch, Lt Clive Wood, and the ship's navigational officer, Lt James Humphries, were severely reprimanded earlier this month.

TULIP PRICES SLUMP

Tulip growers in South Lincolnshire are leaving millions of blooms to rot in the fields because prices of cut flowers have slumped to 10p a bunch—less than the cost of production and marketing.



Thames watermen towing Godspeed, a facsimile of a 17th century sailing ship, downstream from the Isle of Dogs yesterday at the start of her 10-week, 6,000-mile voyage across the Atlantic to recreate a 1606 expedition which led to the first successful settlement in America—13 years before the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers. Godspeed has no engine and will take the southerly route through the Bermuda Triangle up to Virginia where the ship was built. PICTURE: ANTHONY MARSHALL

Sunshine and snow in April

AT the beginning of April a deep depression centred over the middle of the Atlantic controlled the weather over the British Isles. It was generally unsettled but mild as a series of fronts crossed all areas.

Cromer, Norfolk, had an afternoon temperature above 20 deg. C. on the 3rd, the first time this temperature had been reached since last October.

The centre of low pressure gradually moved eastwards, crossing central Britain on the 7th and into the North Sea during the 8th. After a couple of brighter but showery days a depression formed over the Irish Sea during the night of 10th/11th.

During the 11th coastal areas of England and Wales had steady winds of gale force and above. It was also one of the wettest days of April.

On the 12th another depression deepened near the British Isles giving further rain over most of Britain.

Very sunny

On the 13th and 14th a cool showery type of weather covered the country but by the 17th southern England, Wales and much of Scotland were very sunny with more than 10 hours of bright sunshine in many places.

After another sunny and very mild day over southern Britain on the 19th, a cold front moved south late in the day bringing a cold northerly airflow to all of Britain for the start of the cricket season.

During the 22nd high pressure from the Atlantic began ridging eastwards into Northern Scotland, giving dry and sunny weather over Northern Ireland and Scotland. It was mostly dry over England and Wales.

By the 24th the ridge had moved further south and many places in England and Wales had 15 hours of sunshine. With the ridge receding westwards, this front continued southwards during the 25th, giving a little rain in places.

On the 26th, as a low deepened over the northern North Sea, a weak warm front crossed all eastern areas giving a little more rain but not before Southern England had had another sunny Friday.

On the 27th, a cold front crossed all areas. Behind this front the flow of the air was straight from the Arctic and during the afternoon there were frequent snow and hail showers.

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The report of the Airports Inquiries 1981-1983 was recently published.

It concluded that the London airport system (of Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted) can remain at the centre of the world's airline industry only if it expands.

The report forecast that by the next decade the demand can only be met by an increased capacity in the south-east, which means expanding Stansted Airport and building a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

Every effort should be made to develop the regional airports, but their expansion alone could not meet the future demands of the south-east.

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ZIONIST IDEA TO SETTLE BLACK SECTIONS ROW

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

LABOUR'S National Executive is studying a compromise proposal aimed at ending the row in the party over the formation of black sections in breach of the rules by activists in Left-wing constituency parties.

The formula, which has surprised key figures in the party by its obviousness and its potential appeal to both sides of the argument was put forward by the Zionist Socialist group Poale Zion.

It suggests that black and Asian party members seeking separate representation should form a Socialist society of a similar nature to Poale Zion.

The society would be eligible to affiliate to the party at national and local level.

Black party members would thus have the extra say they seek in the selection of candidates and also the chance to secure a nominee of their own on the national executive, without this amounting to the "apartheid" that black sections are widely seen as representing.

The proposal, if the executive commends it at its meeting on May 22, would also be a pretext for showing whether the black sections movement really wants a greater say for ethnic minorities, or is simply out to embarrass the Labour leadership.

Defiant pose

Poale Zion has suggested the compromise at a time when a handful of London constituencies are preparing to defy the national executive by refusing to select a candidate unless their black sections are allowed a say.

The parties have been warned by Mr David Hughes, Labour's national agent, that under party rules, black sections have no standing and cannot legitimately play a part in candidate selection.

A suspicion lingers in parts of the party that the black sections movement is a stalking horse for the extreme Left, and that any compromise accepted by the executive will not be welcomed by activists.

But the executive and the party leadership, most of whom including Mr Kinnock, oppose black sections, is keen to end a row which threatens Labour's growing unity.

FREESON TO CHALLENGE BRENT VOTE

Daily Telegraph Reporter

MR LIVINGSTONE'S nomination as the Labour candidate for Brent East at the next General Election is to be challenged in the High Court by Mr Reg Freeson, the current MP.

Mr Freeson, who was rejected over the weekend, is seeking an injunction blocking Mr Livingston's endorsement by the party's National Executive until alleged irregularities at Brent East are fully investigated.

The executive is due to meet on May 22, when it would normally be expected to endorse Mr Livingstone.

But Sunday's meeting in Brent East, at which the GLC leader defeated three other candidates, was held in defiance of a High Court writ taken out by Mr Freeson last Friday.

The Labour party has carried out two separate inquiries into affairs at Brent East and cleared the party of irregularities on both occasions.

Mr Freeson, a founder member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and a supporter of a United Ireland, has been at odds with hard-left activists in Brent East for some time, particularly over his support for Israel.

At the last General Election he had a majority of 4,834.

YOUTHS' RAMPAGE

A mob of about 20 youths ran through a shopping street in Norwich yesterday smashing window and hurling smoke and paint bombs.

GPs angry at 'go-it-alone' Government

Daily Telegraph Reporter

FAMILY doctors are becoming increasingly angry at the lack of consultation by the Government before decisions are announced on medical issues.

Recent cases include this week's computerised programme for the screening of women to reduce deaths from cervical cancer, announced by Mr Clarke, Health Minister.

Among other instances are the limited list of drugs that can be prescribed by GPs and the increase in prescription charges.

A spokesman for the British Medical Assocciation said yesterday: "There has been a tendency lately for the Government to launch out into new ideas without prior consultation with the medical profession.

Naturally we are sorry about it. We are always prepared to talk with the Government on any issue."

£3m test fund

He said doctors favoured an extension of tests for cervical cancer and had in fact suggested a system for establishing a £3 million fund at no extra cost to the Government which would pay for testing for women as young at 20.

At present doctors are only paid for tests on women of 35 and over but recent evidence suggests that younger women are at risk.

"If doctors had been brought in at a consultative stage the scheme could have been made more effective. It was the same with the limited drugs list. We could have come up with far more effective ways of saving money."

The B M A spokeman said that the question of non-consultation would be discussed at two medical conferences.

The first would be the Conference of Local Medical Committees in London on June 12 and 13 followed by the B M A's annual four-day meeting at Plymouth on June 24 to 27.

CRUISE CONVOY 'AMBUSHED'

Two Greenham "peace" women were arrested when a cruise missile convoy was pelted with bags of flour as it returned to the Berkshire air base yesterday after a training exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Forty protestors "ambushed" the convoy as it returned along the A34 Winchester to Newbury road. One woman clambered on to a rocket launcher. But the convoy's progress was not impeded. The two women were later released.

An R U C welcome yesterday for Dr Garrett FitzGerald when the Irish Prime Minister arrived in Londonderry on a surprise visit—which the Rev. Ian Paisley promptly condemned as "scandalous" and "a damned cheek."

FitzGerald visit to Ulster 'arrogant'

THE Irish Republic's Prime Minister, Dr FitzGerald, made an unannounced visit to Londonderry yesterday, causing uproar in Unionist ranks.

The Rev. Ian Paisley accused Dr FitzGerald of trying to engineer the annexation of Londonderry.

Dr FitzGerald flew into the city under strict security along with his Foreign Minister, Mr Barry, to inaugurate a new Londonderry-Dublin air link which the Irish Government is partly financing.

But as the Irish Prime Minister was being greeted by the Social Democratic and Labour party leader, Mr John Hume, and the city's civic leaders, Mr Paisley described the visit as "a damned cheek," adding: "What right has the leader of a foreign country to enter Northern Ireland without going through the proper channels with the Foreign Office?

"This scandalous back-door visit is another arrogant act . . . by the man who leads the Government which hides the murderers of our own kith and kin and also claims sovereignty over Northern Ireland."

Dr Fitzgerald denied that his visit was an intrusion.

"I came to Derry when I was the Irish Government's Foreign Minister ten years ago and was given a friendly welcome by the Unionist members of the city council. I cannot see what difference this visit makes 10 years later," he said.

After flying to Eglington Airport on the outskirts of Londonderry, Dr Fitzgerald and Mr Barry toured a factory.

Later, guarded by armed RUC officers, he attended a reception in the city's guild hall as a guest of the SDLP Lord Mayor, Mr John Tierney.

No Northern Ireland Office Minister or senior official was at the guild hall and a Stormont Castle spokesman said: "This was a private visit and we were not involved."

At the reception Dr Fitzgerald urged people to vote for the SDLP in Northern Ireland's local government elections later this month if they "wanted to keep Sinn Fein out."

POLL TAX 'MEANS £400 RISE'

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

A POLL, or residents, tax of up to £700-£800 a year for every adult with a job would be needed to replace domestic rates, Mr John Cunningham, Labour Environment spokesman, said yesterday.

This would replace an average rates bill in England of about £322 a year.

Dr Cunningham said Labour calculations over the Tory plan were that tax at this level would be the maximum if pensioners and unemployed people were excluded from the scheme, and if the money involved in rate rebates and domestic rate relief as well as a further cut in rate support grant was raised from the new tax.

It was ridiculous to suggest it as an alternative.

The figures are certain to be challenged by the Government, which is considering such a tax on people over 18 as an alternative to domestic rates.

A MORI poll taken in early March in the shire counties and published yesterday for Labour, gave Tories 37 per cent of the vote, Labour 35 and the Alliance 21

Workplace sex bias code issued for firms and unions

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

CLEAR guidance for employers, trade unions and individual workers on their legal rights and obligations under the Sex Discrimination Act are set out in the first Equal Opportunities Code of Practice published yesterday.

Drawn up by the Equal Opportunities Commission after eight years of consultations with employers, trade unions and Government departments, and recently approved by Parliament, the code does not in itself lay down legal rights and duties.

But like the Highway Code in motoring cases, failure to comply with its provisions can be used in evidence in industrial tribunal proceedings brought by an employee claiming unfair sex discrimination.

Baroness Platt of Writtle, chairman of the commission, launched the code at a Press conference in London yesterday.

She said the commission believed the code was practical and refers to life "as it is really lived in industry and commerce today. No employer can afford to be without it."

Ensure fairness

The code was designed to ensure fairness for women and men in line with the legislation and the subsequent case law on how its provisions should be interpreted. "We hope that it will help employers to understand this complex law better."

Publication of the code was not intended to encourage more sex discrimination cases but to "help employers avoid costly and damaging litigation and assist in the management of change," added Lady Platt.

Part 1 of the code sets out what the law requires and gives the commission's recommendation for compliance.

It recommends that employers act objectively in their selection, training, promotion, redundancy and dismissal procedures and says that without consistency "decisions can be subjective and leave the way open for unlawful discrimination to occur."

Practical suggestions in the code deal with recruitment, advertising, the conduct of interviews, promotion, terms of employment, grievances and redundancy.

Parts 2 recommends that employers should draw up a written equal opportunities policy, communicate it to all employees and monitor it regularly to ensure that it continues to work in practice.

Positive action

It recommends positive action to correct the effects of unequal opportunities, such as by providing special training for work which has traditionally been done by workers of one sex.

It suggests that part-time or flexi-time work, adequate parental leave for both sexes and provisions of child care facilities can help to keep staff that employers have trained who might otherwise be lost because of family commitments.

The code recognises, however, that small businesses will require much simpler procedures than large organisations and that it "may not always be reasonable for them to carry out the code's detailed recommendations."

But in adapting recommendations, small firms still had to ensure that their practices complied with the Sex Discrimination Act.

A third part of the code is a legal annex summarising the main provisions of the law on sex discrimination and equal pay and the effect of some of the main case law decisions since the laws came into force.

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AIRPORT COST RISES BY £61m

By Our Political Staff

The cost of the airport works at Mount Pleasant in the Falkland Islands is now estimated at £276 million, an increase of £61 million, Sir George Young, junior environment spokesman, told M Ps yesterday.

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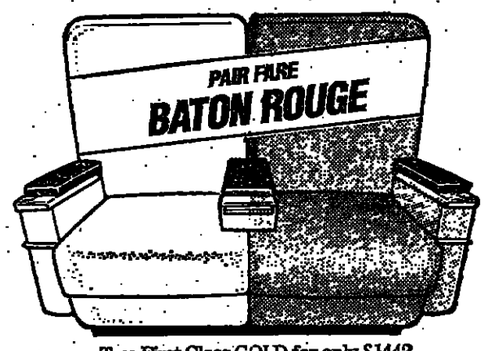

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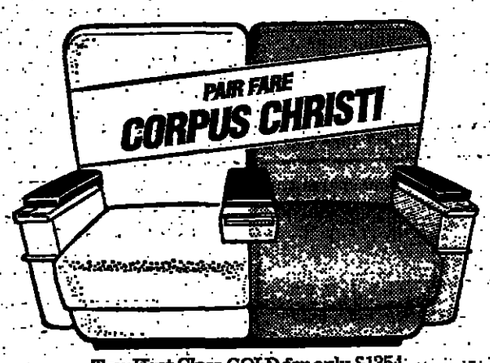

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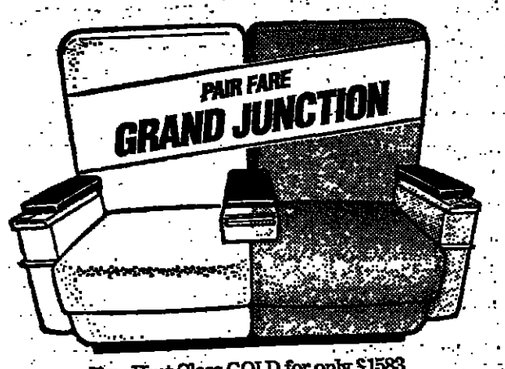

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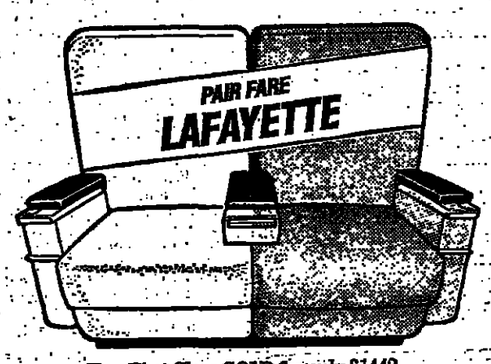

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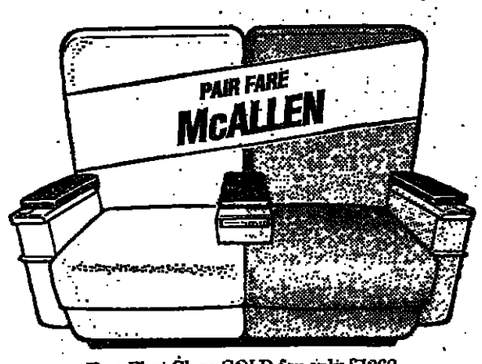

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Yesterday in Parliament

AUTOMATIC BAN ON DIRECTORS IS DROPPED

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

THE Government bowed yesterday to criticisms of their proposal in the Insolvency Bill automatically to exclude from holding directorships directors whose companies have been subjected to compulsory winding up.

Mr ALEXANDER FLETCHER, Under-Secretary for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, told the Commons that the Government had decided to accept an amendment made in the Lords substituting a discretionary system of disqualification.

The concession did not receive an immediate welcome from M Ps.

Several Conservatives declared that a director who had allowed his company's affairs to deteriorate so far had demonstrated his unfitness and Mr BRYAN GOULD, from the Labour Front Bench, dubbed the amended clause "too weak."

Future management

Mr FLETCHER said that the Government had accepted that in a few cases automatic disqualification might penalise directors who had acted properly.

The Lords version requires the Official Receiver or the voluntary liquidator to report to the Secretary of State if in their judgment there was prime facie evidence that a person's conduct as a director made him unfit to be concerned in the future management of a company.

The Secretary of State will then decide whether to apply to a court to have the person disqualified.

Mr Fletcher said the amended provision would have the advantage of applying to directors involved in voluntary as well as compulsory liquidations.

He also accepted the correctness in principle of Lords amendments seeking to lay down guidelines on what constituted unfitness in a director and placing a time limit on the disqualification provisions.

But he indicated that the Government did approve of the approach adopted in the amendments and said the Government would bring forward its own proposals at a later stage.

Moving second reading of the Bill, Mr Fletcher said it represented the first major revision of the law relating to corporate insolvency for 50 years.

It was the most important reform of the law in individual bankruptcy this century.

To combat abuses of limited liability, the Bill penalises irresponsible directors of insolvent companies by making them personally liable for the debts, where a court makes a declaration of wrong trading.

Mr GOULD, while approving of the Bill's objective of catching the "rogue" director, said that the revised clause on disqualification was now too weak.

There should be a tough set of rules to restrict unfit directors.

Unlucky director

The Bill should be trying to strike not at the unlucky director who made a mistake on one occasion, but the director who went in and out, always getting out at the right moment.

Mr FLETCHER confirmed that the Government is to take action in the Bill to help small businessmen out of pocket when a customer company goes bankrupt.

Amendments will be brought forward preventing essential utilities—suppliers of electricity, gas, water and telephones—securing more favourable treatment than other creditors by threatening to discontinue supply.

It introduces a new mechanism, the company administration procedure, to provide an alternative to receivership; and it modernises and simplifies the law on corporate and personal insolvency.

MPs criticise cut in Forces allowances

By Our Parliamentary Staff

THE cutback in allowances for British Forces stationed in West Germany brought protests from both sides of the Commons yesterday.

Mr GEOFFREY DICKENS (C., Littleborough and Saddleworth) told Defence Ministers at Question Time: "It is a disgrace to lower the morale of the British Servicemen in Europe—the same Servicemen who made us proud to be British during the Falklands campaign."

These Servicemen were not abroad by choice but because they had been posted there, Mr Dickens said.

'Disastrous' move

He added that an average single Serviceman, returning home three times a year to visit family or girlfriends, had to spend £58 to £100 on air fares or £28 to £45 on ferries.

Mr STANLEY, Armed Forces Minister, said the revision of local overseas allowances had resulted in increases for personnel stationed in Cyprus, Italy, Sardinia and Portugal.

A system of compensating the Services for differences in the cost of living between the United Kingdom and other countries meant that allowances would go down as the gap narrowed.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Debates on Women's roles in economic, social and public life, on rural policy and on building societies.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Debate on a report from the Committee on Public Accounts on financial assistance to De Lorean Cars.

'TWISTER' TAUNT AT THATCHER

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

MRS THATCHER was dubbed a "twister" in the Commons yesterday and accused of "ratting" over the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme.

She insisted during noisy exchanges with the Opposition that it was the duty of Government to undertake fundamental reviews of social security arrangements from time to time.

Labour MPs jeered when Mrs Thatcher said the matter would shortly be before the Cabinet and added: "It may take more than one meeting to discuss it.

Last week's Cabinet discussion of welfare reforms was postponed following reported differences between Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, and Mr Lawson, Chancellor

Labour shouts

The issue was raised at Question Time by Mr KINNOCK, who said the Prime Minister had stated during the last General Election that there were no plans to change the earnings-related component of the State pension scheme.

"After your chat last night with the Chancellor and the Secretary of State about these very matters, would you tell us and the 11 million people who are in the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme whether that still is your explicit view of the matter?"

Confronted by a barrage of shouts from the Opposition, Mrs THATCHER said the review covered retirement pensions, provision for children, housing benefit and supplementary benefit.

She told Mr Kinnock: "What I think you are saying is that at no time during the lifetime of a government must one ever undertake a fundamental review. I reject that proposition."

Mr KINNOCK: Reviews a natural part of government—ratting should not be.

Rejecting the Prime Minister's interpretation of his words, Mr KINNOCK recalled that Mr Fowler had said when the review was set up in 1983 that his aim was not to call into question the fundamental pension structure set up in the 1970s with all-party agreement.

"Reviews are a natural part of government," he declared. "Ratting should not be," he added to Labour cheers.

Mrs THATCHER said this was the most fundamental review since Beveridge, who himself ennunciated the firm principle that State provision should not be so great as to preclude private provision by voluntary means.

Mr KINNOCK: "There is another principle that when you undertake a wholesale revision of a basic part of the Welfare State you at least tell the people when you are standing for election.

M P's protest

"When and where did you ever say you were going to end the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme, end death grant, end-maternity grant, cut housing benefit and take away allowances from the poorest people in the country?

"Why won't you answer straight questions on these matters? Why are you still such a twister?"

Mrs THATCHER said the review would be widely discussed by the Government which would justify its conclusions to the House.

Later, Mr ROBERT ADLEY (C., Christchurch) protested about Mr Kinnock's use of the words "twister" and "ratting."

He also objected to the use of "murder" by Mr Alfred Dubs (Lab., Battersea) when he attacked the Government for failing to provide additional money for cervical cancer screening.

The SPEAKER, Mr WEATHERILL, said he had not ruled the words out of order because robust debate was part of the system. But moderation in language was essential to civilised debate, and he deprecated words of that kind.

Strikes 'damaging' children

By Our Parliamentary Staff

MRS THATCHER yesterday renewed her criticism of the teachers' strikes in support of their pay claim as damaging to the educational chances of children in their care.

"Teachers will find it very difficult to discipline children if they set such an example as striking themselves," she said.

"They will also, I fear, lose the teaching profession the esteem in public opinion which it should have."

Mrs Thatcher welcomed the possibility that the Burnham Committee would be meeting within 14 days. "I hope they will find a satisfactory solution," she added.

Mr HARRY GREENWAY (C., Ealing, N.), a former deputy headmaster, drew the Prime Minister's attention to the damages done to a community centre at Bridgewater, Somerset, by children who had been locked out of a junior school because of the teacher's action.

"Whatever the rights and wrongs of that pay dispute, the responsibility for this lies wholly with the striking teachers and the Labour party, which backs every strike however damaging, however bitter and however disruptive," he said.

"The teachers' strikes were wholly wrong and damaging to schoolchildren."

Lords challenge on Bill to axe GLC fails by four votes

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

AN attempt to replace the Greater London Council with a directly-elected London metropolitan authority was defeated by the Government with a majority of only four votes in the Lords last night.

Peers voted 213 to 209 against an amendment to the Local Government Bill moved by Lord Hayter (Ind.).

The amendment was designed to resurrect a "strategic authority" to take the place of the G L C. but with spending powers much more closely curbed.

Lord Plummer of St Marylebone and Baroness Faithfull gave it their backing from the Conservative backbenches, with Lord Seebohm, another cross-bench sponsor of the clause.

But Lord ELTON, Environment Minister, called on peers to "throw it out" and "not to strike at the heart" of the Government Bill.

Essential services

Lord HAYTER said they were seeking not a new G L C with another name but an authority of an entirely different type with only London-wide functions, which would be spelled out in the Bill, under strict financial control.

This would avoid unnecessary dispersal of essential services to non-elected quangos and keep the fire brigade and civil defence under a democratically elected council which would be responsible for waste disposal and strategic planning, as well as for making grants to voluntary organisations.

Most importantly, preserving a central London authority would avoid the massive cost of disruption which hasty reform of local government always brought in its train.

Londoners wanted to keep a directly-elected body to represent the interests of the capital as a whole, said Lord Hayter. The motion was not designed to wreck the Bill, but to rescue it.

Lord MOLSON (C.) moved a proposal to give similar elected councils to metropolitan counties doomed under the Bill. This was defeated by 212 votes to 192, a Government majority of 20.

Lord Molson voiced general agreement with Lord Hayter's proposals

Under the Bill's proposals the fragmenting of costs for waste disposal was likely to be substantially greater than under a single co-ordinating authority.

He did not think the Government realised how much concentrated power would rest in the hands of the Environment Secretary as a result of the Bill.

Lord ELTON said the Bill was to get rid of these authorities altogether. They wer considering not whether abolition should take place but how it should be done and who should do their job when they had gone.

He condemned continued G L C spending on an advertising campaign against the Government's policies and offensive suggestions that voluntary bodies would suffer. It was this sort of spending they wished to stop.

The amendments struck at the heart of the Bill, which carried out a Government election commitment.

Baroness BIRK (Lab.) said the Bill got rid of the good with the not so good and the bad. It was absolutely destructive. It gave 125 new powers to the Environment Secretary.

'Overwhelming need'

Lord PLUMMER said there was an overwhelming need for a London metropolitan authority in the view of every non-political and professional organisation concerned with the administration of Greater London.

This was "irresistibly demonstrated" by the Bill itself, which recognised that a number of functions could not be provided satisfactorily by the London boroughs acting independently.

The Bishop of SOUTHWARK, the Rt Rev. Oliver Bowlby, backing the amendment, said: "There are too many things in this Bill which have not been spelled out. There is particular concern about the voluntary organisations and other bodies, like strategic planning."

Lord BOYD-CARPENTER, former Conservative Treasury Minister, rejecting the amendments, said that to pass them would be a "very dangerous" expensive move for the ratepayers.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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WHITESIDE.—On April 29, peacefully at Northwick Park Hospital, WILLIAM RAYMOND, aged 78, much loved father of John and Michael, husband of Olive and grandfather of Caroline, Michael and Richard. Headmaster of St Augustine's Secondary School, Kilburn, 1951-1969. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Kenton, 11 a.m., Friday, May 10, will be followed by interment at Ritchie Green Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal, Northwick Park Hospital, Watford Road, Harrow, Middx, HA1 3UJ

WIGMORE.—On April 26, peacefully at St Luke's Nursing Home, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford, MARGARET ALICE, aged 92 years, widow of Alan, mother of Frank and the late Peg and John, a dear mother-in-law and Mollie to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral service will take place in St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Thursday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation or Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o Reeves & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford

WILLIAMS.—On April 25, in hospital, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, DOROTHY (Bill). Funeral at Colchester Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7. No flowers, but donations if so desired to R.S.P.C.A., Coneyhurst, Horsham, Sussex.

WILLIAMSON.—On April 28, 1985, suddenly at his daughter's home in Herts, ERNEST PHILIP, aged 76, of Storrington, West Sussex, devoted husband of Dorothy, loving father of Em and proud grandfather to Stephanie and Beverley and son-in-law Ron. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Tuesday, May 7, at 12 noon. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Worthing (0903) 34516

WRIGHT.—On April 29, 1985, passed away, ROWLAND C., Member, Leyton St John's Lodge, No. 4860, P.M. Cremation City of London Crematorium, Friday, May 3, at 2.40 p.m.

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BUCHANAN, RONALD.—Loving thanks to all our family and friends for their kindness and sympathy during our sad loss.—Beryl, Karina, Donald and Donna

COPE.—Following the loss of her dear husband, JOHN ADAIR COPE, Mrs Ada Cope would like to thank Robin and Fin, all relatives, colleagues at Poole Dick Associates, neighbours and the army of good friends for their kindness, consideration, messages of sympathy, floral tributes, donations to Whittington Hospital Intensive Care Unit and all those who showed their respect for John by attending the service. Special thanks to the staff of the I.C.U., also Mr Metcalfe, of the Co-op Funeral Services. This great man will be sorely missed by us all.

JACK.—The family of the late CHARLES D. JACK wish to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also the Rev. R. J. Thorburn for spiritual comfort and Campbell Smith for funeral arrangements, 28, Bay Street, Fairlie.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

MILLER.—The Funeral of the late Mr GEORGE MILLER, of Tinkers, Broome Heath, Woodbridge, Suffolk, will take place on Wednesday, May 8, in St Mary's Church, Market Hill, Woodbridge, at 2 p.m. Family flowers preferred, please. Donations if desired for the Rotary Club Benevolent Fund, Woodbridge, c/o F. B. Bolton & Sons Ltd, 24, St John's Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

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STOREY, LESLIE HALL.—Remembered with love and pride by all his Family on this his 80th Birthday.

FLU PLEA REJECTED

The Prime Minister yesterday indicated that there would be no extra Government cash to help combat the virulent influenza epidemic which has claimed several lives in Staffordshire.

In reply to Mr WILLIAM CASH (C. Stafford), who urged the Government to help those affected, Mrs THATCHER said at Commons Question Time that health authorities normally met such contingencies out of their existing financial allocations.

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MOTORING — COLIN DRYDEN

Too many cars spoil the books

AS ALL the world must know by now Europe's motor industry and trade is going through a hard time. While few companies make profits, not all lost £1 billion last year like Renault.

Manufacturers join forces and pool resources to develop new engines and even models but one problem remains intractable — that of over-production. While Ford of Europe chairman Bob Lutz has hinted that there may have to be some rationalisation, no manufacturer is anxious to lose valuable plant and machinery which could one day be working flat out when the economic clouds roll by and the sun shines once more.

Only 12 years ago here in Britain we were building just under 2 million cars a year and now the figure is 909,000. However in Europe generally it is estimated that over capacity amounts to 2,300,000 cars a year.

This, according to Mr David Gent, recently appointed director of the Motor Agents Association, is bad news for all concerned, particularly his garage members who have to make much of their living trying to sell new cars in the cut-throat conditions caused by too many cars chasing too few customers.

He is causing something of a furore by calling for the E E C to plan the reduction of excess car production, just as it did when too much iron and steel was being made. He argues that this would benefit both the manufacturers and the garages and enable both to become profitable once again.

Mr Gent emphasises that his garage members are not "getting bitter and twisted" about the motor manfacturers and wanted to go on selling cars under the present franchise system. But as well as profit margins being cut by the present policy of heavy discounting to "move the metal" they were also under pressure from oil companies.

Instead of the main effort going into selling new cars and petrol the best resources would be devoted to selling used cars, groceries and drinks.

However, Mr Gent's view that production curbs are the best way out of the industry's problems is not shared by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. While accepting that there is over-production in Europe, it takes the view that interference from government and Brussels' bureaucrats can cause more problems than it solves.

Whatever the problems in Europe as a whole, the S M M T says that the British industry is poised for recovery and the last thing it needs are official edicts laying down as to who shall produce what and how much.

Instead of trying to stultify the industry's growth and lay down production norms under some great strategic plan, the best service the E E C and the British Government in particular could do would be to stimulate demand and get economic growth going again. Eliminating the 10 per cent special car tax would be a good start, the official added.

"We all know what happened after the war when the Government sought to direct the motor industry and only allocated steel for export markets. This led to a false boom without a solid home market base and export markets that were lost for ever because there was no proper back-up and service facilities for them", the official added.

Ford, too, are none too happy about the possibility of official direction and control of the motor industry's policies and products. "This could be a dangerous path with the successful manufacturer possibly being penalised and the inefficient one being cossetted. I suspect that most car dealers would be far happier to see the market for new cars being stimulated rather than having their output controlled," the spokesman said.

Mazda RX7

IF AT first you don't succeed, try, try again, says the old proverb. Nobody can accuse Mazda of not persevering with the Wankel rotary engine when the rest of the world had given it up, particularly after petrol prices went through the roof.

The RX7 2+2 has long been one of my favourite sports cars and must be now at the ultimate stage of its seven-year development. In theory, the rotary engine should have the edge in power output over reciprocating pistons driving a crankshaft but smooth though the twin-rotor engine of the RX7 is, its output is a trifle disappointing for the equivalent of 2·2 litres.

True it churns out the power with turbine-like smoothness and seems to get quieter the more the speed rises. But its 9 secs 0 to 60 mph time for a low slung aerodynamic 2+2 is average rather than remarkable. It certainly gets there in the end with a claimed top speed of 120 mph but the acceleration is not as vivid as you would expect from this sort of car.

Petrol consumption has always been the rotary's Achilles' heel and although it is better than it was, I averaged just under 19 miles per gallon on a mixture of brisk open road motoring and city driving. However it does take two star petrol and on the Government figures achieves 17·9 m p g on the urban cycle; 35·8 m p g at a steady 56 m p h and 28·8 m p g at a constant 75 m p h.

It is remarkably comfortable and tireless to drive for long distances provided you and your front-seat passenger are of average size. The occasional seats at the back are only for children and even with the front seats hard back six footers in the front would be in difficulty.

However, being only of medium height I found the driving position and comfort levels perfectly satisfactory. The steering was light and positive and brake and clutch pedals feather light. The ratios on the five-speed gearbox are well chosen and it was rarely necessary on the open road to drop down to four gear. The quality and standard of finish is excellent the attractive looking car representing fair value for £11,499.

Estate that rises to all occasions

PERHAPS because there are plenty of thrifty Britons who treat their cars as a maid of all work rather than a status symbol, we provide one of the biggest markets for estate cars. There may have been a decline since 1979 when they accounted for over 12 per cent. of registrations and are now running at just over seven and a half per cent, but with nearly 120,000 new estate car sales last year, prudent manufacturers cannot afford to ignore the demand.

The estate car segment is a highly competitive one with the newest contenders in the medium range being the Fiat Regata Weekends. The top 1600 twin-cam 100 Super arrives this month while the 85 Comfort model is due in June.

Both models can carry a 1,102lb load and have 49·4 cubic feet of luggage space. With the rear seat folded flat the Weekend models have a loading platform 63·8in long. Total interior width is 50 ins, reduced to 37·6 ins between the wheel arches while the height of the load area is 37·4 ins. Not only to make the most of this but to facilitate loading the rear bumper drops down to give 33·7 ins from floor to tailgate hinge.

The 100 Super has a 1585 cc twin overhead camshaft engine developing 100 bhp with electronic ignition. Fiat claim a nought to 62 mph time in 10 seconds and a top speed of 112 mph. Fuel consumption on the Government figures is: urban 26·9 mpg; constant 56 mph 48·7 mpg, and a steady 75 mph 36·2 mpg.

The 85 Comfort has a similar sized engine but with only one camshaft which produces 82 bhp. Top speed is 106 mph and it is a second slower from rest to 62 mph. The accent here is more on economy than performance with 29·4 mpg being achieved in simulated town driving; 52·3 mpg at a steady 56 mph and 38·2 mpg at a constant 75 mph.

Like the Regata saloon, the estates are front-wheel drive with a transverse engine mated to a five-speed gearbox. Suspension is independent all round with disc brakes at the front and drums at the back. Both have been modified for the added weight of the estate cars.

There is a good level of specification with power steering, central door locking and electrically operated front windows and stereo radio cassette player being standard equipment on the Super. Somewhat surprisingly when some estate cars make a feature of such a convenience, the rear seat with a 60/40 split is an optional extra.

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Women's winning ways

I HAVE OFTEN enjoyed plays written by women but I do not recall when one had me so excited—and breathless—as I became during Louise Page's "Golden Girls" at The Pit, which is all about women's athletics and a 100-metre relay team competing in the Olympics at Athens.

Like all drama showing people doing arduous jobs, this one exercises its grip by plunging you into a hard, competitive world of its own. From the backstage rivalries and skulduggery with drugs to the girls' bending and stretching on gymnasium torture-machines, everything fascinates and compels admiration for the thrice-dedicated contenders.

The Golden Girls team begin here to win races at Gateshead or Crystal Palace when a shampoo firm offers sponsorship, meaning they can afford a specialist doctor and the chance to train together—with every hour of their day and every bite they eat checked and weighed.

But sponsorship also means mixing commercialism with the sporting ethic. It means "accidentally" mentioning the sponsor's name on the B B C to earn a £100 bonus. It means being exploited for gain, when they had hoped only for the ecstasy of being the best in the world.

The graceful and greatly gifted black actress Josette Simon has the central role of the quarrelsome and wildly ambitious Dorcas. Losing a race drives her to a misery so fierce she chucks a bucket of water over a tactless rival.

The team is later upset by the late arrival of a totally likeable 17-year-old (Cathy Tyson). This means one of the original quartet must be dropped. But who? Then the doctor gives them a "drug" (it is only a placebo) in the hope of inspiring their confidence. A prowling journalist who drinks—one of the play's few clichés—is out to capitalise on any misdemeanour.

But it was not the locker-room quarrels, not the girl who failed in the pass-the-baton exercise, not even the wonderful strobe-lit climactic race itself that I admired most. It was the excruciating moments before the ultimate test, as the girls lie around in yellow skirts and shorts, tensely speculating on the many things that can go wrong and trying to play anxiety down by just saying: "I like the tape to come home to."

A dozen players besides Miss Simon contribute valuably to Barry Kyle's fine production. I must mention Polly James's tough, intelligent sponsor besides the others of the team: Alphonsia Emmanuel, Sarah Berger and Katharine Rogers, whose physical prowess alone is a pleasure to watch.

John Barber

Edna O'Brien's touch of Chekhov

SOMETIMES a play will echo so many other plays that the characters have a job to seem themselves. Not that the dramatist intends to look derivative—least of all a writer like Edna O'Brien whose artistic style is so personal.

But in taking the form of a family reunion, her new comedy, "Flesh and Blood," now touring (this week at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth) invites unflattering comparisons with writers from Chekhov to Dodie Smith ("Dear Octopus") whose techniques for making things seem to happen in a static situation Miss O'Brien cannot begin to rival.

She has the feeling; though her far-flung Irish house of regrets and envy, resentment and spite, hums with anxiety and ill-expressed affections as the wedding anniversary of the ageing, alienated parents (Dave Allen and Gwen Watford) brings out the worst in almost everyone.

The chief of several visitors is the youngest daughter, a successful novelist awaiting with impatience a telephone call from her married lover in London. It never comes of course.

Suzanne Bertish's intensity as this unhappy woman is compelling enough but it was never clear to me why she should create around her, according to her family, so much bitterness and discord, since she seems to be so well behaved in the often brutish and drunken circumstances—except, of course, when she catches her father attempting to rape her long-suffering mother.

Veronica Quilligan as an eccentric and mischievous sister-in-law makes her manic mark, but it is Miss Bertish's acting, especially in a scene with her mother when Miss Watford portrays a wasted life with desolate resignation, that gives the evening its ultimate sense of sorrow.

It is meant, I think, to be more ironically amusing than it turns out; but Mr Allen's "heavy" father is so obviously over-parted that a good deal of the humour misfires. He cannot throw his weight about without being boorish—and in bandying a revolver at one wild moment and proposing a scheme for selling trees or land for housing at another, he strikes disconcerting Chekovian illusions.

Perhaps a subtler and more imaginative treatment of the emotional outbursts would reduce the sense of frequent absurdity—and only the director Robert Allan Ackerman would have the power to do that.

Eric Shorter

Josette Simon in "Golden Girls" at The Pit.

MUSIC /
Hallé Orchestra

THE performance of Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony which the Halle Orchestra brought to the Festival Hall on Monday night was one which found that often elusive blend and balance of defiance and introspection, of menace and compellingly hushed power.

There was an irrefutable logic about Stanislow Skrowaczewski's interpretation. In the opening Moderato (a tempo marking perceptively judged here) the music's inexorable progress from its first, grim stirrings in the cellos and basses, through its plangent lyricism, towards its aching climax and then to its doubting conclusion was controlled with a masterly hand. Its momentum was maintained with just that persistence which lends this vast movement its heart-piercing force and its sense of organic structural growth.

In the scherzo, too, the music was propelled forward with a demonic, cumulative energy, the strings attacked with harsh strength, the rhythms underlined with savage insistence.

Equally in the finale Mr Skrowaczewski found that empty bleakness which imbues the introductory Andante, and in the main Allegro drove the music with a relentless thrust towards Shostakovich's emphatic assertion of his D S C H motif. To all this the Halle responded with a committed exuberance and sensitivity; ensemble was, in the main, commendably taut, the orchestral sound full and resonant, the instrumental solos phrased with an idiomatic sense of their emotional implications.

The concert had begun with Rossini's overture "The Journey to Reims," coupled in the first half with a performance by Emanuel Ax of Chopin's F minor Piano Concerto, somewhat self-conscious in rubato, perhaps, but none the less marked by playing of limpid beauty.

Geoffrey Norris

Patricia Rozario

THE SOPRANO Patricia Rozario for whom the Kirckman Concert Society provided a recital platform at the Purcell Room on Monday night is already a most accomplished young artist, the possessor of a naturally warm voice that constantly gives pleasure to her listeners.

She made a thoughtful and musicianly approach to every item in a programme that ranged from Schubert to Chausson and Granados and, supported sympathetically by her pianist Mark Troop, sang from within the world of each song, making a moving impression for instance with the magnificently sombre "Schwestergruss" of Schubert.

Early on, however, there were indications of a slightly constricted quality at the top of the voice which was at variance with her freer and warmer middle and low voice, and this became more noticeable in the widely arching lines of a group of Strauss songs, given with a most cultured sense of the composer's highly sensitised eroticism but needing to soar more freely.

She was equally at home interpretatively in a sequence of superb Chausson songs whose dark hued and sometimes melancholy - romanticism was most poetically recreated: while four songs of Granados, including the lovely "El mirar de la Maja," suited her ideally and were beautifully done—altogether an impressively sustained evening of music making despite the technical reservations.

Anthony Payne

ART /
Behind the bold colouring...

TWO ARTISTS who use colour in a highly personal way are having one-man shows at galleries opposite one another in Cork Street, Mayfair.

Both are familiar from previous exhibitions, but both are in their work continuing to evolve. They are Philip Sutton, who is exhibiting at Browse Darby, 19 Cork Street, until May 18 and Adrian Berg whose exhibition is at the Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork Street, until the same date.

Philip Sutton uses a kind of exuberant shorthand to make us immediately aware of the objects he paints. Two fish on a plate and a vase bulk large, yet beyond their presence we are aware of a bold pattern. The effect is striking, decorative.

Something is, however, missing. Many of the battles that preoccupy artists have been won. An image has been conjured, a composition has been made to work, and a decorative effect has been achieved. We are, nevertheless faintly bored; vigorous handling of paint and a certain, if limited sense of *joie de vivre* are not enough.

Adrian Berg's methods are different. Whereas Philip Sutton firmly establishes the presence of a few objects, Adrian Berg creates complex patterns filling the whole of the picture surface. All the paintings in his exhibition are landscapes, painted, with one exception, last year.

He presents a highly personal interpretation of nature. Neither figures nor buildings have anything to do with this. Berg's achievement is considerable, for we all, however closely in touch with nature, see her with new eyes thanks to him. These paintings of Kew Gardens reveal a kind of magic wonderland.

The colouring is curious. It is as though the natural tones of nature have been ignored. In their place we have a range of colour calculated to create a particular emotional effect. Where Philip Sutton's colours are strong, sometimes even vivid, Berg employs an odd, intense range of greens and blues.

It is though a thunderstorm is about to burst. We sense this but the affect is more than a trifle contrived and if there were one more picture in the exhibition we would be irritated.

Terence Mullaly

Some notices appeared in yesterday's later editions.

TELEVISION /
The box's retreat to rubbish

IN THE great uncharted broadcasting future that is even now winging inexorably towards us, television will come at us from all sides, mostly from the sky. Those benevolent, caring institutions like the B B C and I T V which have nurtured our tastes for so long will wither into impotence. Nobody is quite certain what will happen after that, except that it will be for the worse.

This, at least, is the view taken by those same institutions; there is nothing like self-interest to add spice to a bit of doomology. Granada TV, going round the now familiar course again in the wind-up episode of Television (I T V) last night, predicted the televisual equivalent of fire, rape, and holocaust: total de-regulation, since no one can control pictures beamed from international space; the decay of "public service" concepts like broadly-based news, current affairs, and the single play: and an even more daunting degree of Americanisation than the B B C and I T V themselves have fostered.

The new frontiersmen of cable and satellite, naturally see things differently. They will be in business to give the public what it wants, mostly via generic channels: 24-hour news channels based on American values, pop music channels, old movie channels, religious programme channels, more pop channels, and soft porn channels. They will also be looking for cash returns that will make the fortunes amassed by their industrial predecessors seem modest.

"We offer a complete evening's entertainment," beamed Michael Cox, the British chief executive of the Murdoch-owned satellite channel, Sky, which is already scooping up European subscribers. But, of course, that is exactly what he and his like are not doing, or wish to. Pop, the bottom of the market "drama," and whiskered American sit-coms, all aimed at maximum take and minimum concern for quality, are his stock in trade.

As the youngish media pundit Michael Tracey, much resorted to on these occasions, pointed out, people don't know what they want until they see what they are offered. If excellence is deliberately excluded from the package, as it has been from most American network TV for decades, they are unlikely to go looking for it.

The irony of the situation is that people who now jib at paying £58 for regulated British TV may find themselves forking out £5-95 a month for basic cable. Virtually all the emphasis is on distribution, or re-distribution, of a dangerously finite product, mostly of the stock of old movies. Almost no one is talking about making programmes; only about selling them.

Taken overall, "Television" has proved something of a disappointment. Perhaps the concept was simply too large to get right at this stage of the medium's development: perhaps the perspective from a viewpoint inside it was too constricting. Certainly there were good individual programmes—those on TV news and light entertainment, for instance—but there was also too much dependence on the American input and a slightly-lopsided view of the British scene. High marks to Normal Swallow for attempting the near-impossible.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, April 30.

His Excellency Ato Ayalew Wolde-Goirgis and Madame Ayalew were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia to the Court of St James's.

The Baroness Trumpington had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing her appointment as a Baroness in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Baroness Cox had the honour of being received by The Queen upon her appointment as a Baroness in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M P (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited a replica of the ship "Godspeed" before its departure, on a voyage of re-enactment, to Jamestown United States of America, from Island Gardens, Isle of Dogs, E.14.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Cormorant, subsequently visited the Joint Service Defence College at Greenwich, S.E.10.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Captain Ian Gardiner, R M travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

His Royal Highness, President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, this afternoon chaired the Council's Annual General Meeting at Carpenters' Hall, E.C.2.

Squadron Leader Timothy Finneron was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace, received Major General D. Wood upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel Commandant.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner to mark the retirement of the Lord Goodman as President of the National Book League, at the Garrick Club, W.C.2.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon opened and toured the modernised factory of Samuel Moore Foods Ltd at Easterton, Wiltshire.

Her Royal Highness, attened by Mrs Andrew Feilden, was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon. Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 30.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE. April 30.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, this evening attended a Gala performance of "The Sleeping Beauty" by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in aid of Sadler's Wells Theatre Development Fund and the Royal Opera House Development Fund.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE. April 30.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron: The Kensington Society, was present this evening at their Annual General Meeting at The Town Hall, Kensington, London W.8.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE. April 29.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited R A F Church Fenton, North Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE. April 30.

The Duke of Kent was entertained to lunch by the Chairman of the Greater London Council at County Hall.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 30.

Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Barrie James House, the Centre of the Leukaemia and Cancer Children's Unit Fund (Scotland), at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

As Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, Her Royal Highness later visited Over-Seas House at 100, Princess Street, Edinburgh.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, will attend the final of the Challenge Cup competition, at Wembley Stadium, on May 18.

Lady Guernsey gave birth to a son on Monday.

A memorial service for Mr David Rowland Wallace Watts, formerly a Managing Director of George Wimpey plc and President of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, will be held at St Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on Friday, May 24, at 11.30 a.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Mr Justice Goulding is 75 today; Lord Justice Gibson is 72; Sir John Hodge 72; Dame Felicity Peake 72; Sir Lindsay Ring 71; Mr W. Leonard Hyde 71; Sir Richard Brooke 70; Miss Wendy Toye 68; Lord Middleton 64; Earl Bathurst 58; Prof. Ralf Dahrendorf 56; Mr Justice Taylor 55; Vice-Adml. Sir John Woodward 53; Mr Robert Reid 51; Mr Ian Curteis 50; Mr Julian Mitchell 50; and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones 21.

Today is the anniversary of the proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India in 1876.

Today is a national holiday in Austria, Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Receptions

Her Majesty's Government

Mr John Lee, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, was host at a reception held yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House for the United States National War College.

The British Export-Finance Advisory Council

Mr Claude Hankes-Drielsma, Chairman, and members of The British Export-Finance Advisory Council last night held a reception at Merchant Taylors' Hall to mark the inauguration of the Export Finance Company Limited.

DINNERS

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of the Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Mulroney. The other guests were:

The Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs McMurtry, Mr and Mrs Bernard Ross, Mr Sam Wakim, Mr Edwin Conan, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., M.P., and Lady Howe, Mr Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P., and Mrs Brittain, Mr Nigel Lawson, M.P., and Mrs Lawson, Mr Michael Heseltine, M.P., and Mrs Heseltine, Mr Norman Tebbit, M.P., the Hon. Adam Butler, M.P., and Mrs Butler, the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, The Bishop of Chichester and Mrs Kemp, Mr and Mrs William Deedes, Mr Peter Shore, M.P., Dr David Owen, M.P., and Mrs Owen, Adml Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, Sir Alistair and Lady Frame, Sir Anthony Kershaw, M.P., and Lady Kershaw, Sir Clive Sinclair, Sir Timothy and Lady Bevan, Sir Peter and Lady Walters, Mr David and Lady Carina Frost, Mrs Charles Douglas Home, Mr Anthony Nelson, M.P., and Mrs Nelson, Mr and Mrs Sydney Mason, Mr and Mrs Graham Day, Prof. and Mrs Christopher Foster, Maj.-Gen. Desmond Smith and Mrs Belle Shenkman, Mr Ian McKellen, Mr and Mrs Ian Anderson, Mr and Mrs Roy Faibish, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Antony Acland, Sir Derek Day, Mr and Mrs Bernard Ingham and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Sion College

The 353rd anniversary dinner of Sion College was held last night at the College. The President, Canon Gerald Hudson, presided. Viscount Combermere, the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev. Alan Webster, and Mr Deputy Harry Oram were principal guests. The Rev. A. W. S. Brown, President-elect, also spoke.

London Consular Corps

Mr Timothy Renton, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the London Consular Corps held last night at the Carlton Tower Hotel. The President of the Corps, Mr Lawrence L. Landau, presided.

United and Cecil Club

The United and Cecil Club dined in the House of Commons yesterday evening. The guest of honour and speaker was Mr Brian Walden. The Chairman of the Club, Sir Humphrey Atkins, M.P., presided and Mr Michael Withers also spoke.

Bakers' Company

The Master of the Bakers' Company, Mr Hugh M. Joseph, presided, supported by the Upper Warden, Mr J. D. Copeman, the Second Warden, Mr C. R. Sawyer, the Third Warden, Mr R. B. Tiley, and the Under Warden, Mr F. J. Bentley, at a ladies' dinner held last night at Ironmongers' Hall. The principal guest was Dame Gillian Brown and the other speakers were Mr F. J. Bergin and the Master.

TODAY'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Prince Philip, presents Royal Aero Club Awards, 6.30.

Prince Philip attends Gold Standard Award receptions at St James's Palace, 11.30 & 4.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Pat Bahree, "Sculpture of South India," 11.30; "Dominique Collon, "Early Anatolia and Urartu," 1.15.

British Library: Penelope Wallis, "Introduction to Manuscript Illumination," 11; "Carolingian Manuscripts," 12.30.

St Bride's, Fleet St: "Christopher Emeton, organ recital, 1.15.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: John Reeve, "Celtic art," 11.30; "From Colosseum to country house: the age of the grand tour," 1.15.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Jim Fowler, "Architectural drawings in the Theatre Museum," 1.15.

St George's, Hanover Square: Ventus Wind Ensemble, 1.10.

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In Memoriam

Maj.-Gen. J. M. D. Ward-Harrison

The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, the Marquess of Normanby, High Steward of York Minster, read the second lesson at the memorial service for Maj.-Gen. John Ward-Harrison held yesterday in York Minster. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. John Southgate, who also preached the sermon, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Christopher Elliot-Newman, who also read the first lesson.

Mrs Ward-Harrison (widow), Sir Ian and Lady Bosville Macdonald of Sleat (son-in-law and daughter), Deborah Bosville Macdonald of Sleat, Somerled Bosville Macdonald, younger of Sleat (grand children), Mrs M. Ferro (sister), Mary, Lady Bosville Macdonald of Sleat, Miss D. Odam, Mrs Alec Renton.

The Duke and Duchess of Leinster, the Earl and Countess of Halifax, Ruth, Countess of Halifax, also representing Middleton Hunt, the Earl of Scarbrough, Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord and Lady Swann of Glaisdale, Lord and Lady MacAndrew, Lady Alexandra Beasley, the Hon. Mrs Hamilton-Russell, the Hon. Mrs Angela Hartley, Sir Marcus and the Hon Lady Worsley, Sir William Aykroyd, Gen. Sir Cecil and Lady Blacker, Lt-Gen. Sir Rollo and Lady Pain, Lt-Gen. Sir Edward and Lady Howard-Vyse, Lady Bryan, Lt-Col J. A. M. and Lady Katherine Phillips, Brig. Ian and Lady Susan Watson.

Brig. Allan Findlay, representing the Colonel 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and Mrs Findlay, Maj.-Gen. Henry Woods, representing the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Regimental Association, and Mrs Woods, Capt J. Agar, representing Yorkshire A C S and York Branch, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Old Comrades Association, Major B. L. Strachan, representing 10th Hussars, and Mrs Strachan, Capt. Garnons-Williams, representing the Royal Navy, and Mrs Garnons-Williams, Brig. Patrick Brocking, representing the Director, Royal Armoured Corps, and Mrs Brocking, Major T. M. Lyons, representing 49th Field Regiment Royal Artillery, Cdr D. M. Vaughan-Hughes, representing the Army and Navy Club, and Mrs Vaughan-Hughes.

Maj.-Gen. and Mrs P. Ing, Brig. K. Hargreaves, Col Piers Bengough, Col and Mrs Kit Everton, Major and Mrs Patrick Snowball, Major and Mrs Peter Bell, Mr Hugh Murray Wells, Mr Peter Consett, Mrs Dick Thomason, Mr William Legard, Mr and Mrs T. R. H. Churton, Mr Humphrey Tottenham, Mrs Audrey Wrigley, Mr Christopher Hill, Mr Michael Barstow, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, and Mrs Barstow, Mr Michael Foster, representing Thirsk Racecourse, and Mrs Foster, together with representatives of the High Stewards Committee, the York Minster Fund, the Friends of York Minster, the York Minster Works Department, the Minster Joiners, the Minster Masons, the Minster Painters, the Minster Stoneyard, the Zetland Hunt, the Middleton Hunt, and the Middleton Hunt Bird-all, the Middleton Hunt Supporters Club and many other friends.

The Ven. R. C. Rudgard

A memorial service for the Ven. Richard Cuthbert Rudgard was held yesterday at Christ Church, Winchester. The Rev. James Mitchell-Innes officiated. The address was given by the Bishop of Southampton. Mr Bryan Rudgard (son) read the lesson.

Mrs Rudgard (widow), Mrs Betty Nerkelt (sister-in-law), Dr Edward McLean, Mr Geoff Bibby, and other members of the family.

The Rev. William Robson, representing the Chaplain-General of the Armed Forces, Canon Alec Wedderspoon, representing Winchester Cathedral, the Rev. John Pinder, General Secretary of the Melanesian Mission, and the Rev. Tom Kime.

Miss Mollie Batten

A memorial service for Miss Mollie Batten was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev. Alan Webster, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Michael Beck. The first lesson was read by Deaconess Anthea Williams and the second by the Rt Rev. Kenneth Woollcombe, Precentor of St Paul's. The Bishop of Lincoln gave the address. Prayers were read by the Rev. Joyce Bennett.

Dr John and Dr Anne Batten, Mr Mark Batten, Mr and Mrs David Batten, Miss Grace Batten, Mr David Batten, Dr and Mrs E. C. Lewis, Mr and Mrs Patrick Dixon, John Dixon, Miss Elizabeth Batten, Dr Clare Stephens, Mr David Lewis, Mr and Mrs Tom Lewis, Miss Margaret Roxburgh.

The Earl and Countess of March and Kinrara, Lady Norman, Lord Rochester, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, the Hon. Lady Clapham, Dame Geraldine Aves, Dame Betty Ridley, Sir Cyril and Lady Black, Sir Richard O'Brien, Mr W. D. Pattinson, Secretary-General, General Synod of the Church of England, Mr Kenneth Adams, Chairman, Industrial Christian Fellowship, Mr Don Black, representing the Baptist Union, Canon Eric James, Director of Christian Action, Mrs A. Limmer and Mrs G. W. Rusling, Women's World Day of Prayer, Mrs S. A. Castle, representing Chichester Constituency Labour Party, with Mr Peter Pritchard; Mrs E. Pritchard, representing Midhurst Labour Party; Mrs Maine Smith, Chairman, Birmingham Settlement, with Mr S. T. Walker, Mrs Jill Marchant and Miss Katharine Lloyd; the Rev. Roger Clerke, representing the William Temple Foundation, with Mr Jack Keiser; Mr Mark Gibbs, representing the Audenshaw Foundation, Mr Edward Sidebottom, Mr Basil Moss, Prof. George Wedell, Mrs Mark Hodson, Mr John Arnott, Mr T. Pugh, Mr K. C. Caber and many other friends.

Obituary

SIR ROBERT ELKINS

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Robert Francis Elkins, who has died aged 82, entered the Royal Navy in 1915 as an Osborne cadet. As a young lieutenant, he was serving at Invergordon during the 1931 Naval mutiny over a reduction in pay.

Many years later he said: "A meeting was called in a canteen on shore. The door was locked but I managed to get in. It was then that I was pushed out. That push, in fact, was the only real act of mutiny."

A gunnery specialist, he was in command of the sloop Bideford when war broke out in 1939 and was taken prisoner at St Valery in June 1940, but escaped.

The German commander at St Valery, Field Marshal Rommel, noted in his diary how a British naval officer gallantly tried to prolong resistance. Six thousand men, awaiting evacuation to Britain, were captured.

Cruiser commander

Later in 1940 he was in the battle cruiser Renown and in August, 1942 joined the Naval Ordnance Dept, becoming Deputy Director in 1945. From 1944 to 1946 he commanded the cruiser Dido and was Flag Captain to the Rear Adml Commanding the 10th Cruiser Squadron.

From 1946 to 1949 he was Director of the Gunnery Division, Admiralty. In 1949-50 he commanded the light fleet carrier Ocean.

He was an aide de camp to King George VI and commanded the Naval gun carriage crews at the funeral of the King in February 1952.

From 1952 to 1954 he was Assistant Chief of Naval Staff and in 1955-56, Flag Officer Commanding the Fifth Cruiser Squadron and Second in Command, Far East Station. He was the Admiral in the British Joint Staff Mission in Washington from 1956 to 1958.

He was appointed an O B E in 1942, a C V O in 1952, a C B in 1954 and K C B in 1958.

HARRY RUTHERFORD

Harry Rutherford, who has died aged 82, was a painter of distinction who became a pioneer television personality in 1937 when he began a series of cabaret cartoons. He drew the performers in a variety show as they did their acts.

His monthly series ran until television was suspended in 1939 but he returned in 1946, after war service. In 1950 he switched to children's television and became a presenter for his weekly "Sketchbook" series.

Born at Hyde, Cheshire, he studied at the Manchester School of Art and became a pupil of Sickert. From 1952 to 69 he was on the teaching staff of Regional College, Manchester and was president of the Manchester Academy of Fine Arts from 1960 to 69.

Brig. John Stratford Sanderson. At Auchterarder, Perthshire, aged 75. Commissioned, Scots Guards 1930, served 1939-45 War, Norway, Italy. From 1966 director, Edinburgh Military Tattoo, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Forthcoming Marriages

Dr J. D. Rigg and Miss P. J. Bickersteth

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Rigg, of Five Acres, Forest Row, Sussex, and of Hongkong, and Jane, daughter of the Bishop of Bath and Wells and Mrs Bickersteth, of The Palace, Wells, Somerset.

Mr R. S. Morse and Miss C. O. U. James

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Sir Jeremy and Lady Morse, of Kensington, London, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. James, of Tirley, Gloucestershire.

Major R. C. Couldrey and Miss H. M. K. Esmonde

The engagement is announced between Robert Couldrey, 7th DEO Gurkha Rifles, only son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Couldrey, of Limpsfield Common, Oxted, Surrey, and Helen Esmonde, only daughter of the late Captain Witham Esmonde, R.N., and of Mrs Aileen Esmonde, of Ballyellis, Buttevant, Co. Cork.

Capt. M. O. M. Chitty and Miss A.-L. Addington

The engagement is announced between Capt. Michael Chitty, the Queens' Royal Irish Hussars, second son of Lt-Col and Mrs P. O. M. Chitty, of Boldre, Hants, and Anne-Louise Addington, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Addington, of Wilden, Bedford.

Mr N. M. Sharer and Miss D. J. Lee

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Dr P. Sharer and of Mrs V. Sharer, of New Barnet, and Deborah, daughter of Lt-Col and Mrs J. A. Lee, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

Mr C. I. Coleridge Cole and Miss B. H. Nassif

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mrs A. D. S. Mangnall and stepson of Lt-Col A. D. S. Mangnall, of Bradley Court, Chieveley, Newbury, and Belinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Nassif, of Mill Hill, London.

Mr N. J. Guyatt and Miss R. J. G. Magrath

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mrs F. J. Guyatt, of Sutton, Surrey, and the late Mr F. J. Guyatt, and Rosemary, only daughter of Major and Mrs A. C. C. Magrath, of Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Mr M. W. M. Jones and Miss S. Nash

The engagement is announced between Mark William Morris, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. M. Jones, of Bangor-Is-Y-Coed, Clwyd, and Sarah, elder daughter of Squadron Leader Ronald Nash, R.A.F. (Retd), and Mrs Nash, of Kuwait.

Mr D. A. Lowman and Miss M. McNair

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Lowman, of Heath, Cardiff, and Marilyn, elder daughter of Capt. and Mrs D. McNair, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr N. M. Prest and Miss A. J. E. Neal

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Professor A. R. Prest and of Mrs Prest, and Anthea, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stewart Neal.

Mr P. Telfer and Miss J. M. Porter

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Dr and Mrs T. P. Telfer, of Maidstone, Kent, and Joan Martha, only daughter of Mrs Martha Porter, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. P. Phillips and Miss M. S. Black

The engagement is announced between Roger Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. F. Phillips, of Birkdale, Brisbane, Australia, and Marie Sadler, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs W. P. Black, of Giffnock, Glasgow.

Mr S. N. Fordham and Miss G. M. Browne

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs G. L. Fordham, of Welwyn Garden, Herts., and Gillian, daughter of Dr and Mrs T. D. Browne, of Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

Mr A. P. Hardie and Miss S. E. Radmore

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of the late Mr Peter Hardie and of Mrs Judy Hardie, of Seaview, I.o.W., and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Radmore, of Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr R. M. R. Wilson and Miss S. M. Williamson

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. B. R. Wilson, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Shirley, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. G. Williamson, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr C. Bianco and Miss N. J. Cubison

The engagement is announced between Carl, only son of Mrs C. Bianco, of Worthing, and Nicola Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I. H. A. Cubison, of Hawkhurst.

Mr D. T. Ayre and Miss K. S. Brazier

The engagement is announced between Duncan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T. E. Ayre, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Katy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. H. Brazier, of Coggeshall, Essex.

Mr M. A. S. Bergin and Miss P. D. Nicholls

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger brother of Mrs Elizabeth Britz and Mr Hamish Bergin, all originally from Clifton, Bristol, and Pauline (Nicki), only daughter of Mrs Rose Frost, of Shoeburyness, Essex.

Mr M. L. Petty-Fitzmaurice and Miss J. S. King

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr K. C. Petty-Fitzmaurice and of Mrs A. Petty-Fitzmaurice, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Joanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. King, of Epsom Downs, Surrey.

Mr A. F. Marsh and Miss S. C. Chesterman

The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Marsh, of Whyteleafe, Surrey, and Stella, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Chesterman, of Freshford, Bath.

Mr T. P. M. T. Chaize and Miss N. E. Joy

The engagement is announced between Tristan, elder son of Monsieur and Madame Paul Chaize, of La Maddalena, Sardinia, and Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Libby, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. L. Joy, of Marelands, Bentley, Hampshire.

Mr P. J. Webb and Miss J. P. Edmonds

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs James Webb, of Chediston, Suffolk, and Justine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Edmonds, of Hartley, Kent.

Mr A. Griffiths and Miss N. Godman

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Griffiths, of Hailey Manor, Witney, Oxfordshire, and Nichola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Godman, of Great Rissington Manor, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr N. R. H. Collins and Miss S. Monks

The engagement is announced between Nigel son of the late Mr H. G. L. Collins and of Mrs S. A. Utterson, of Sway, Hampshire, and Siân, daughter of the late Mr N. H. Monks and of Mrs F. A. Monks, of Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.

Mr S. Kearns and Miss C. M. Bradford

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs B. Kearns, of Pett, Sussex, and Clare, daughter of Mrs J. O. Bradford and the late M. A. J. Bradford, of Grays, Essex.

Mr K. D. Robinson and Miss L. Chase

The engagement is announced between Kelvin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dale Robinson, of Filde Hall, Little Bentley, Essex, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Chase, of Pasadena, California.

Mr M. W. Maybrey and Miss C. R. Meade

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Maybrey, of Claygate, Surrey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Meade, of Esher, Surrey.

WEDDINGS

Mr J. P. Watson and Miss M. K. Graham

The marriage took place on April 28, 1985, at St Matthew's Church, Perth, Australia, of Mr Jeremy Peter Watson, younger son of Major and Mrs P. D. Watson, of Tunbridge Wells, and Miss Merrilyn Kaye Graham, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Graham, of Nedlands, Perth.

Mr H. I. Meynell and Mrs P. Forsyth-Forrest

The marriage took place quietly in Chelsea on April 30, between Mr Hugo Ivo Meynell and Mrs Peter Forsyth-Forrest.

Mr P. N. Randall and Miss A. D. Coath

The marriage took place in the Chapel, St Maur's Convent, Weybridge, on April 27, 1985, between Mr Paul Nicholas Randall, son of Mr and Mrs J. Randall, of Sunbury on Thames, and Miss Anamaria Duns Coath, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. D. Coath, of Weybridge, Surrey.

LUNCHEONS

Her Majesty's Government

Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of the High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda and Mrs Sanders.

Norwegian Chamber of Commerce

Mr Hermod Skaanland, Governor of the Bank of Norway, was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday by the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce at the Savoy. Mr Ole Sig. Kverndal, President of the Chamber, presided. The Ambassador of Norway also attended.

LECTURE

London House

Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, Controller of the R A F Benevolent Fund, gave a talk on "The Prevention of War" to the residents of London House and William Goodenough House yesterday.

SERVICE DINNERS

Drake Term, 1925

Members of Drake Term of 1925 held a dinner last night at the Army and Navy Club to celebrate the 60th anniversary of joining the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Capt. Michael Creagh-Osborne, R.N., presided.

No. 6 Communications Course

Former members of No. 6 Royal Signals Officers' Communications Course ("The Last of the Long") dined on April 26 at Shrivenham. Col. S. Cowan presided and 15 officers were present.

HQ, STC, RAF High Wycombe

A guest night was held in the Officers' Mess, HQ Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, last night. Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig, AOC-in-C, RAF Strike Command and C-in-C United Kingdom Air Forces, welcomed the guests, General de Corps Aerien Forget, General de Corps Aerien Ghesquiere and General de Corps Aerien P. de Chassey. Group Captain R. D. Bates presided.

WADHURST COLLEGE

Old Girls of Wadhurst College and their children are invited to a reunion at the College on Thursday, May 30. There will be a buffet luncheon at 12.30 p.m., and the swimming pool will be open. Please reply to the Secretary, with numbers, by May 15.

Latest Wills

BLACKSTONE, W. W., Pink-Neys Green, Berks, retired merchant	£546,497
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CLARK, A. K., Reading, Berks, former solicitor	479,123
DOWN, Miss Vera E., Worthing, West Sussex	568,761
JACOBS-LARKCOM, Mrs Dorothy P. K., St. Mawes, Cornwall	292,778
LOW, J. A., Tendring, Essex	286,723
MOSS, H. H., North Harrow, Middlesex	260,372
PARSONS, J. R., St. Albans, Herts	403,893
RILEY, Mrs Norah, Warwick	346,620
SCOTT, J. M., Hampstead	459,494
WHITE, Mrs Winifred, Weybridge, Surrey	395,255

WAY OF THE WORLD

On and On and On

THE amazing hullabaloo over President Reagan's planned visit to the German war cemetery at Bitburg grows ever more strident. One of Chancellor Kohl's colleagues alleges that the affair has been got up, or at any rate blown up out of all proportion, by neutralist members of the Opposition Social Democratic party who want to split West Germany from the United States.

This seems quite possible. The Chancellor, who first suggested the visit, refuses to give up the idea. He is likely to be supported by most Germans, who must feel that they cannot be expected to carry their burden of guilt for ever. If he gives way he will not only lose the support of his own people but make them resentful of President Reagan and of America itself.

It is interesting that Herr Willi Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, is against the visit; and that Senator Edward Kennedy is reported to have "expressed dismay."

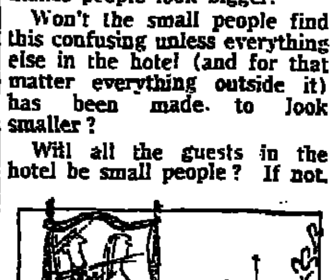
The *argumentum ad hominem* may sometimes be unfair. But if these two politicians, the one of dubious standing, the other not even that, are both against a thing then there must be something to be said for it.

Questions of Size

A NORWICH hotel is offering "weekend breaks" for small people (as dwarfs and midgets are now called). The package includes half-measure drinks, small portions at meals and pocket-size television sets in bedrooms. The manager says: "We have even put in a distorting mirror which makes people look bigger."

Won't the small people find this confusing unless everything else in the hotel (and for that matter everything outside it) has been made to look smaller?

Will all the guests in the hotel be small people? If not,



it will be necessary to put in distorting mirrors to make some people look smaller, thus avoiding "heightism," the recently discovered form of discrimination by stature.

Another concession the manager has thought of is to offer to halve the bills of couples whose combined height is less than 10ft. Here is yet another possibility of confusion and even panic, as couples, one of whom is 6ft tall, the other 3ft 11in, find their size changing alarmingly as they pass by various contradictory mirrors.

Altogether, I think the scheme, though generous and well-meaning, may do more harm than good.

Change and Decay

I NOW know why my special train from High Wycombe to Marylebone on Monday morning was 45 minutes late, threatening the columnar rou-

tine in an irritating way and making me, disgracefully, quite short-tempered with Miss Briggs, my lady typewriter.

A garbled station announcement, though it was not easy to make out, seemed to speak of "inexplicable difficulties at Neasden," suggesting black magic or divine intervention. What had happened in fact was that a signalman there had found that the temperature had dropped below the statutory minimum of 60·8 Fahrenheit owing to a failure of the heating system and deciding it was too cold to work, had gone home.

Surely it should be the duty of a signalman to go on working to the limits of human endurance, even though icicles are forming on his levers and a miniature blizzard is raging in his signal box? This is the second alarming report in a month about the sadly declining standards among signalmen today.

Not long ago a signalman was said to have invited a friend or friends into his box and turned it into a "cosy bed-sitter." What next, I wonder? Drinks parties? Sing-songs round the camp fire?

False Alarm

"CHARLES and Di told 'Stay Away';" "Mystery over Mass Ban;" "Royal Mass Storm," "Pope Gives Di the Jitters." These headlines in the popular Press and on its billboards made some of us old-timers wonder for a moment whether the great days of the outcry against "the Papal Aggression" in the last century we recall so well (or even the Gordon Riots for those with yet longer memories) were about to return.

Would the cry of "No Popery!" resound throughout the land? Would Dr Paisley, drawing on his full vocal powers, make his bellows of rage audible 200 miles away from over the Irish Sea, while Dr Runcie raised mittened, ecumenical hands in unavailing horror?

Anybody who hopes for such delights is likely to be disappointed. The number of people in this country who take the Church of England seriously is rapidly falling. Even the Bishop of Durham's gallant efforts to publicise it by denying some of its basic tenets are becoming a bore.

In any case, the reason why the Heir to the Throne cannot attend a Roman Catholic mass, Papal or otherwise, is obvious. If he succeeds to the Throne in due course, he will also become Head of the Church of England, a church in a state of schism with Rome—always supposing, of course, that the Church of England has not been disestablished by that time.

How True!

"THE fortieth anniversary is a moment to reflect on just how near we have been, and how near we could be, to the calamity of a social and political order which would transform our world into a society based on the use of force, the denigration of humanity and the abuse of power as tools for ordering our lives" (Mr David Blunkett, "extreme Left-wing" leader of Sheffield City Council, quoted in a symposium on the defeat of National Socialism in 1945, "V E Day: What Does it Mean to You?" in MARXISM TODAY).

Peter Simple

PERSONAL

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IN returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee. Isaiah XXX, vv. 15-16.

MASTER ANNIE.—It's O.K. all the way. Good luck.—PETEY.

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KARWOWSKI, STEPHAN. Our thoughts are with you, our love and our loss. Surely you showed us what living was all about. God knows we will miss you Stephen. Fond farewell brother from Adam; Barbara, Sarah, Simon and Rebecca.

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BIRCHALL otherwise BURCHALL, MILLIE BIRCHALL otherwise MILLIE BURCHALL, spinster, late of Auclon, School Road, Ruthin, Clwyd, died at Ruthin on 10th November, 1982. (Estate about £1,440.)

COX nee TRINDY otherwise TRINBY, ADA GREW COX nee TRINDY otherwise TRINBY, widow, late of Glenside, 20, Blackberry Hill, Stapleton, Bristol, Avon, died there on 30th July, 1983. (Estate about £2,400.)

DUNCAN, IRIS MILLICENT DUNCAN, spinster, late of 166, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, London, W.9, died at Kensington, London W.2, on 14th June, 1984. (Estate about £1,600.)

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READERS LOVE OUR SPRING FASHION AWAY-DAY

Pictures: KENNETH MASON

● Yesterday in Brighton: above left Heinz Schumi at work back-stage on model Roxanna's hair before our big show; above right, man-of-the-show designer Bruce Oldfield with some of our glamorous model girls.

BY PAULA DAVIES

A CHANCE to see outfits like those worn by the Princess of Wales on her Italian trip was a bonus for those who attended the DAILY TELEGRAPH Fashion and Beauty Show at the Corn Exchange in *Brighton yesterday*.

Bruce Oldfield, whose spring and summer collection was shown to 700 of our readers, included two suits which the Princess wore last week.

There was a cotton and silk check outfit with a fitted peplum and straight skirt, and also a dramatic white and black side-draped jacket over a straight skirt with a buttoned side-vent.

Both outfits can be worn as separates and both can be bought from Bruce Oldfield's shop in London for about £750.

"People always say I'm too expensive," said Bruce, who has succeeded in his fashion business beyond his wildest dreams.

"You can wear my clothes in three or four or even five years' time, as the Princess did in Rome last week."

The clothes in fact range in price from about £160 to £3,000. "I always use expensive fabrics and people buy my dresses for special occasions," he added. He has just taken an order for the most expensive dress he has ever made: a £9,000 wedding gown. Yet, he says, you can now buy a Bruce Oldfield dress pattern for £3·75.

The show, a riot of glamour, colour, music and fun, was followed by a make-up and hair-styling demonstration by Francine and Schumi, and a panel discussion on fashion and beauty chaired by Winifred Carr, Woman's Page editor.

Francine, who takes only 10 minutes to put on her own "face," showed us how to create a less dramatic make-up than she used in our show.

Jasmine Sayinsoy, an 18-year-old finishing school student in England for six months from Istanbul, was the model. Details of this make-up will be given later in this page.

Schumi used his famous Shapers, soft foam rollers that can be bent into any shape and used on dry hair. "You *can spray* the rollers or apply a little heat," he said.

"And then let the hair fall into place. Mousse or setting lotion can help with fine hair." He told the audience that what mattered most between *hair-stylist and client* was communication.

"Take a picture of what you want with you to the stylist. Don't be shy, make it clear what you want."

Also on the panel was Ann Chubb, our Fashion Editor, a believer in wearing what suits you, just as Bruce is. Asked what comes first in his mind, the design or the fabric, he replied: "I am drawing all the time but with me I think it is half-and-half. I don't design for any age-group. I'm even designing a dress for a grandmother at the moment, a grandmother *of the bride*."

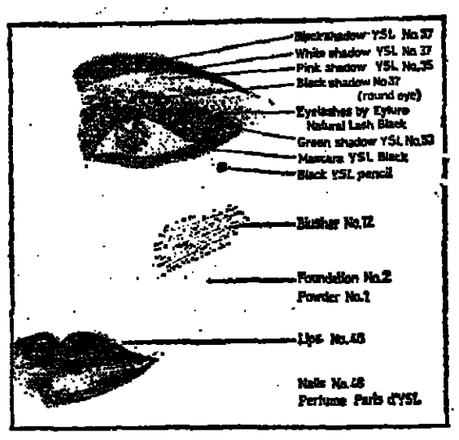
The audience obviously enjoyed the show. Francine, a professional model, and Jasmine showed off the make-up at the back of the hall. *This is also what* John Gairdner did with the new autumn collection of the Charles Jourdan shoes.

He handed the shoes to people in the audience so that they could examine them closely.

Apparently there are five different heel heights for autumn, but he warned that the most important thing about a shoe is that it fits.

DRESS WINNER

● Somebody who will be paying a call on Bruce Oldfield within a day or two is Maureen Willey from Tunbridge Wells, who was the lucky winner of a voucher valued at £450 for a dress from Bruce. She said: "I'm overwhelmed and delighted."



● How the eyes get their emphasis

EYES BRIGHT

"MAKE-UP is an important accessory to clothes this spring and summer. Get it wrong and the whole effect will look wrong," said Francine Schiffer, who created the make-up for the model girls in our presentation of Bruce Oldfield's spring and summer collection.

The accent is more on artifices than we have seen for some time, with emphasis on the eyes.

"False eyelashes are coming back and the eyebrows should also be strong and well-accented," Francine said. "Choose mascara to go with your outfit and match this, if you like, with the colour on the brows."

There is now a range of good strong fashion colours for brows and lashes in deep blues, greens and purples. But in this kind of make-up do not match eye shadow or mascara to the colour of your eyes. The idea is to go for shock and contrast.

As a freelance make-up artist, Francine fits her palette box with whatever colour she needs, tending towards the Yves St Laurent range when making-up models for shows and photography because she finds the colours are pure, strong and up-to-date with the current season. For a *softer, everyday fashion* make-up she likes to use Charles of the Ritz.

During last month's British Fashion Week in London, Francine was in great demand, creating the make-up for many of the top designers' shows, including those of Caroline Charles, Yuki, Victor Edelstein and of Bruce Oldfield who presented his collection at a gala evening in aid of Dr Barnardo's, at which his most famous client, the Princess of Wales, was guest of honour.

And the drawing of Francine's make-up for the Bruce Oldfield models shows stark black was used to emphasise brows, false lashes, eyes and the beauty spot, pencilled in to accent this dramatic eye make-up.

The foundation and powder were pale and the lipstick and matching nail varnish a vivid pink with a hint of blue.

Offering more than a little sympathy to PMT sufferers

BY LYNNE EDMUNDS

MOST of the 30 per cent or so of women and girls who suffer from pre-menstrual tension don't go to the extremes of committing crime, inflicting violence on anyone, or even turning temporarily into useless employees.

The wild extremes, quoted by barristers defending clients, exasperated colleagues, or family members, are the furthest end of the spectrum in a condition still neglected or denied by most of the medical profession.

The usual symptoms which women can suffer from the onset of their periods right up to the menopause (a span of up to 40 years these days) include fatigue, dizziness, fainting, headaches, insomnia, heart pounding, bloated abdomen, swelling of the extremities and tenderness of the breasts.

Emotionally, pre-menstrual tension with its hormonal - linked imbalance, can bring on irritability and anxiety, depression, nervous tension and swings in mood. As Wendy Cooper says in the chapter on PMT in her paperback "The Fertile Years" (Arrow Books, £1·75) those of us who have a minor reaction to the fall in hormones which precedes menstruation . . . "feeling a little more tired, irritable and depressed sometimes with an accompanying *touch of backache lasting* for one or two days . . ." can imagine how disruptive the extreme symptoms are for other women, symptoms which they have to suffer for half of every *month*.

One thing they can be sure of: little sympathy *and even less help from* the major part of the medical profession who put this — even more than other female conditions — down to neuroticism.

"Many women feel very strongly about the way in which they are treated as neurotic if they dare to complain to their doctors about PMT," writes Wendy Cooper.

But experiments with different approaches to *treatment are at last under* way. The team at St Thomas's Hospital in London under Professor R. Taylor has conducted promising trials using progestogen hormones. In patients who did not have a low level of these hormones before menstruation, the vitamin B6 provides relief to at least *half*.

Some women lose their symptoms after pregnancy, *when their hormone* balance changes permanently. Others find the combined oestrogen and progestogen contraceptive pill gives this additional benefit.

Now trials are going on to see how nutrition is linked to the condition, and how a revised diet can relieve symptoms, with Vitamin E supplements, and with oil from the seed of the evening primrose plant.

The Pre-Menstrual Tension Advisory Service, started last year by nutrition expert Maryon Stewart, has just completed a small pilot study of women, *aged* 21 to 49 who had unsuccessfully tried other remedies to their long-standing PMT symptoms.

They followed special diets (based on their individual consumption of food and liquids) for three months. Most were advised to stop or reduce smoking, reduce intake of refined carbohydrates (chocolate, sucrose, cakes, biscuits and puddings etc.) and dairy products, increase the amount of green leafy vegetables and salads and take regular physical exercise. Supplements, mainly of Vitamin B6 with magnesium, were given to them.

Over 80 per cent of the women, with symptoms ranging from moderate to extreme, reported significant improvement after the three months.

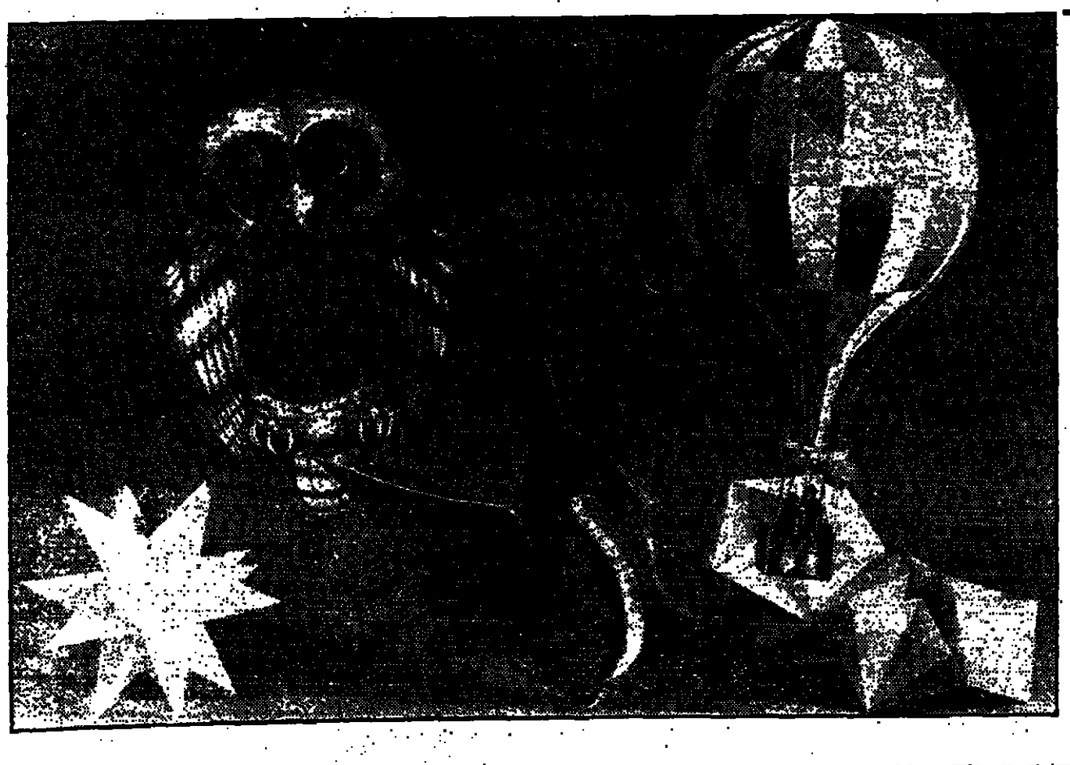
While acknowledging that the trial is too small and too short-lived to be conclusive, the Advisory Service feels the results significant enough to embark on another detailed analysis of a larger group of women now on the same diet and taking the same supplements.

A useful booklet of general advice, including diet, "Pre-Menstrual Tension" by Maryon Stewart is available from the Pre-Menstrual Tension Advisory Service, P O Box 268, Hove East, Sussex BN13 IRW for £3, including postage.

A recent trial of 75 women suffering from PMT who were given Vitamin E showed that most experienced a reduction in symptoms.

Another study at a major hospital was on a small group of women who had had no success with other kinds of treatment. They were given oil from the seed of the evening primrose plant and over 60 per cent reported a very marked improvement, with another 23 per cent reporting that it gave some relief.

Primrose plant oil contains a very high proportion of gammalinoleic acid and the absence of this *fatty acid has* been indentified as a cause of PMT. Inadequate levels of B6 and magnesium among other substances, together with a moderate intake of alcohol, a diet rich in *saturated fats*, diabetes and the ageing process are all known to stop the formation of gammalineolic acid.



● Mobiles and "mathematical" shapes from Tarquin Publication's range of model-making books. Left to right: its ninth-stellation shape, the simple-to-make owl mobile, a fantasy dragon, an authentic balloon (both meant to be suspended) and two mathematical forms. Picture by PAUL ARMIGER.

SHAPING UP TO MATHEMATICS

THERE is a bright schoolgirl now ploughing her way through exams, who has no idea that she was the cause of a new and unique venture in publishing.

Gerald Jenkins, a dedicated maths teacher of 20 years, hated *to see her frustration* when this keen 11-year-old failed to draw, and make a shape for the maths lesson.

"It occurred to me that it would be a good idea to print the pieces so that children just had to cut them out and fit the model together. So I drew it and found a printer."

The original shape went into his first book "Make Shapes No. 1." Printed eight years ago, it is currently topping his sales chart. "We've sold 60,000 so far and just go on reprinting."

Tarquin Publications was born, and developed so fast from Mr Jenkins's ideas—designed as models by former art-teacher and colleague of his, Ann Wild—that he soon gave up teaching.

He now runs the firm full time, using several designers and local printers. His wife, Margaret, now that their children are adult, works "almost full-time" and they employ six women workers part-time on invoicing and packing.

The mathematical models and books have printed and coloured cardboard shapes to be cut out and fitted together, but also incorporate "pattern booklets" so that children can go on and make their own cardboard models.

As teaching aids, the complex *mathematical models* that fold into different shapes or reverse themselves are very effective. Mr Jenkins *demonstrated how the model* of an equilateral triangle could be dissected and turned into a square.

All are mathematically correct. The Jenkinses withdrew American rights from one firm when they "re-christened" the accurately-named mathematical shapes because they believed people wouldn't be able to pronounce them.

"*In fact, we find the kids* love the long names and rattle them off," said Mr Jenkins.

"We don't set out to teach directly with our models but we want to show children that maths is a fascinating and infinite subject . . . and I just seem to go on finding new shapes."

There are the decorative models, such as the historically accurate but rather tricky balloons, the dragons and *dinosaurs, and highly imagina*tive ones like the flying man (who has a distinctly Aztec look) and the space vehicles. *All make attractive* models and cost under £2 apiece. Most of the venture's puzzle and movable pattern books are around £2.

Its newest bright idea is a range of pop-up history books (currently being snapped up by tourists visiting London's Design Centre). They cost £2·50 each and range from "Pop-up Romans" to the Greeks and South American cultures. There is also an attractive pop-up London.

The British Museum, the Science Museum and branches of Paperchase keep some of the firm's model books but *all can be bought by post* from its Stradbroke headquarters, near Diss, Norfolk.

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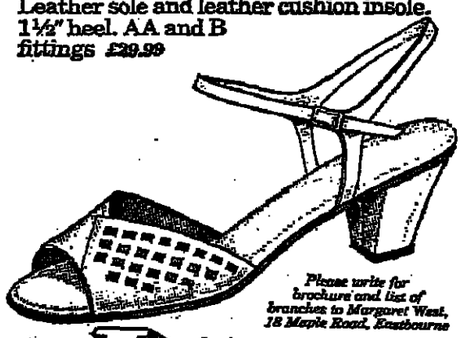
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SUMMIT WITH A LIMIT

THE TEMPTATION TO BE CYNICAL about economic summits is not one which needs to be resisted too hard. The amount which can be achieved by seven heads of government during two days of talks punctuated by photocalls and dominated by the requirements of security is never very much. Since the abandonment of formal agendas at Williamsburg in 1983 the potential for doing anything big and clean in a policy sense has, if anything, even lessened. This week's summit allows beleaguered mid-term Prime Ministers and Presidents to commiserate about the intractability of economic problems, the ingratitude of electors and the irresponsibility of their political opponents. But short of an announcement about the timing of a new round of GATT talks, which should at least slow the accelerating slide into protectionism, nothing of much substance will emerge.

To what extent this is a pity depends upon how much confidence it is sensible to invest in politicians who are minded to try something more ambitious. It is certainly true that the co-ordinated reflation which the United States pressed on Germany and Japan at the last summit to be held in Bonn seven years ago is not a particularly happy memory. The two "locomotives" had the bad luck of running into the second oil shock within months, but the experiment is conventionally seen to have been a failure. Fine-tuning of fiscal and monetary policies is difficult enough in a purely domestic context for it to be anything other than daunting to attempt internationally.

Yet the arguments for the Germans and the Japanese once again relaxing their fiscal policies to support world economic growth are persuasive. Both countries have applied a degree of actual fiscal stringency over the past two or three years which Mrs THATCHER's Government has only aspired to rhetorically. Both countries have also been the main beneficiaries of the American boom and the gaping trade deficit which has accompanied it. Now that the evidence is mounting of a fairly sharp slowdown in the United States, their own economies will suffer if they do not increase domestic demand. Indeed, Germany's five leading economic institutes, reporting this week, called upon the Kohl Government to bring forward the DM20 billion worth of tax cuts planned for 1986-88 into next year alone. If only President REAGAN could deliver significant cuts to the United States federal budget deficit such a course would be virtually risk-free. Unfortunately, that is something which he cannot be relied upon to do and the main reason why the summit will be such a non-event.

THE PRESIDENT'S DILEMMA

"I THINK IT IS MORALLY right to do what I'm doing and I'm not going to change my mind." That, presumably, is President REAGAN's last comment on his decision to visit a German war cemetery in which some members of the SS happen to be buried. (He will redress the balance by a visit to Belsen.) In a sense, he is right about the moral aspect: he is bound by a promise to Chancellor KOHL. But was it a wise promise to make?

Politically, it manifestly was not; it has infuriated Jewish Americans and diminished the President's reputation for political acumen. But was it even morally defensible? Christians have an absolute duty to forgive their enemies. What is more, those who have never experienced either military occupation by a ruthless enemy or totalitarian government are in a weak position to express moral judgments about those who have, and who faced the honest conflicts of loyalty involved. Those arguments support the President's decision. But they are far from conclusive.

The truth of the matter is that the President's well-intentioned decision, designed to reconcile and to cement relations of the West with a reformed Germany, has produced the opposite effect. It has re-opened wounds and produced a spate of reminiscent hatred. Human nature finds it far easier to forget than to forgive, and forgetting terrible crimes (or, more precisely, consigning them to history) is part of the process of reconciliation. A nation can and ought to remember those who have died in its service, and it can do so without rancour towards the enemies (and their descendants) who killed them. Trying to commemorate everybody and everything in precisely the right proportions is a superhuman task which generally turns rancid. The President was wrong, but, if worse consequences are to be avoided, he is stuck with his decision.

WRONG ROAD FOR GAS

WHEN MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS change hands, the perspectives of the Ministers are also liable to undergo mutations. There were few more vocal champions of the need to subject the British Gas Corporation to the disciplines of competition and the judgment of the market than Mr NIGEL LAWSON, Energy Secretary. His successor, Mr PETER WALKER, by contrast, was renowned for scepticism about the overriding merits of either privatisation or competition. Yet now it seems their differences are reconciled. British Gas will move smoothly down the slipway to the private sector, its monopoly intact, and Energy and Treasury will stand sponsor.

This reconciliation is no doubt comprehensible. Looked at from the Treasury the beauties of competition begin to lose their charm when monopoly is the way to maximise the proceeds of a sale. Indeed in the case of British Gas, which has now become such a massive net contributor to Treasury revenues, even privatisation as a monopoly seems a less than wholly satisfactory exchange. But life—and personalities—being what they are, as Treasury enthusiasms flicker, those of Energy are kindled. Once Mr WALKER lifts the Corporation to the forefront of his list of candidates for transfer to the private sector, however, the Treasury can but swallow any second thoughts it has.

So all the parties are agreed. The Treasury will at least be consoled with another "sale of the century" to shrink its future borrowings. As for British Gas it is to be released from those Ministerial interventions it has found so irksome, and yet to retain all the privileges of a monopoly buyer, distributor and seller of its precious raw material. No wonder it is happy with the prospect.

The public may not share its pleasure. As we have frequently argued, competition is, or should be, the essential concomitant of private sector status. It is not immediately apparent why the Government's commitment to bring in competition should in this case be so cheerfully forgotten. But if it might be, then the right price for monopoly remains the public sector, and subservience to Ministers.

Why the enterprising jobless can find themselves homeless

PETER HORDERN, MP, believes a repeal of the Rent Acts would have a dramatic effect on unemployment

NO tears are shed for the private landlord. Insofar as he still exists, he is a hunted species in a land where there is no food for him to forage. Governments, by setting limits to what he may charge for rent, have seen to that. Yet, before we send for the undertakers, ought we not to consider how his death will affect us all?

Perhaps we should first consider what kind of animal he is. In the demonology of the Left, he is a blood-sucking carnivore, living off his tenants and casting them out so soon as he may, having consumed what little blood they may have to offer.

Every political movement needs a scapegoat, perhaps even more than it needs a saint, and the private landlord serves now, as he has always done, as the sinner against whom every socialist will wage war. That is a pity, for the landlord does no more than meet a demand in the most direct possible way.

Like many things in our national life, housing has become institutionalised. On the one hand we have a flourishing private sector in which people are encouraged, by mortgage interest relief, to buy their own homes. On the other, we have a still large public sector of council houses, where the rent is heavily subsidised by the taxpayer. Yet, even though council house rents are heavily subsidised, many tenants, now some 750,000, have chosen to buy their homes from the council at the discount which this Government has made available to them.

So, for the most part, we are either private owners, or public tenants: and if we look further, we see that people are more inclined to own property in the south, and more likely to be public tenants in the north.

Contrasts north and south

TAKE Houghton and Washington in the north, 58·9 per cent. council tenants, 35·6 per cent. owner-occupied; take Horsham in the south, 20·8 per cent. council tenants, 65·5 per cent. owner-occupied. Then take the respective levels of unemployed. Houghton 15·2 per cent., Horsham 4·9 per cent. But let us dig a little deeper still.

Professional people, and managers, may move about the country with relatively little difficulty. In Houghton 11·9 per cent. of the working population and 32·2 per cent. in Horsham are in that category. But in Houghton 38·3 per cent. are skilled workers, in Horsham 24·5 per cent., and of manual workers, 59·1 per cent. in Houghton, 38·6 per cent. in Horsham. So many skilled workers are tied to their council homes in the north.

Let me interrupt those socialists, in mid-sentence, who say, "Well, the answer is to have more subsidised public housing in Sussex to which people in the north may move," by asserting that there is more publicly subsidised building being carried out through various housing associations in Sussex than anywhere else in the country, save those directly-funded programmes, like the New Towns, or the Urban Development Programme. But there is a limit to the resources that may be made available for public housing.

That still leaves a gap. There is a shortage of skilled working people in the south to which some of that high proportion of skilled workers in Houghton may wish to move. So we have not only an institutionalised housing market, but one which has the effect of stratifying and perpetuating regional unemployment.

This is proved by the growth of the bed-and-breakfast market. For, despite all the difficulties put in their way, more and more young people in the north are making their way to the south in search of work. They find nowhere to live. The local authorities, hard-pressed to carry out their statutory duties, find them bed-and-breakfast accommodation, all paying up to £80 a week.

The cost to the taxpayer of providing bed and breakfast has soared. In 1979 it was £52 million, last year it is thought to have been £380 million. The Government intends to put a ceiling on what landlords providing bed and breakfast may charge. The average payment for this kind of accommodation, which is often disgraceful, is £52 a week, and the Government proposes a ceiling in London of £70 a week.

Then what will happen? It is certain that those landlords who make a lot of money by providing disgraceful accommodation will now cram even more people into their bed-sits. But it is by no means certain that the total cost to the taxpayer will fall, because the demand from young people who want to come south will continue to grow. Dreadful stories will appear about profiteering landlords, just as they did in the days of Rachman.

But why did Rachman flourish? Because, through rent restrictions, there was not enough accommodation to let to meet the demand. What is the solution to this problem? It certainly is not simply to restrict the rent landlords may charge. It is to increase the supply dramatically by abolishing rent control, first for all new lets, and then, for all rented accommodation.

The Chancellor tells us that there is no shortage of demand in the economy, but that we lack sufficient supply. Very well. Here is, in the abolition of rent control, the largest single measure that can have an impact on unemployment, allowing people to move to where there is work, just as they do in every one of our major competitor countries.

Drawbacks of rent control abolition

THERE remain some objections. The first, I believe, comes from the Treasury, which is concerned that if rent control is abolished there will be a huge increase in the cost of housing benefit. But the reality is that the local authorities have £5,000 million in capital receipts from the sale of council property, which they must eventually be allowed to spend in building new council houses, and in repairing old ones. The cost of housing benefit will be large. If private landlords, however, were encouraged to build for letting, their profits would be subject to income tax or corporation tax for companies.

Then there is security of tenure. There should be security for the tenant, providing that he is prepared to meet the market rent at the rent review, conducted, if necessary, by arbitration. And I think there should be continuing security for existing tenancies, while at the same time providing the landlord with some return.

Repeal of the Rent Acts will not be easy. It does not have the immediate attraction that the right to buy council property had. But the immobility of people at a time of high unemployment transcends the conflict between private ownership and public tenancies. To repeal the Rent Acts would be the most important single measure the Government could take.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Lords to take a new stand on the Mound

MCC members flocking to Lords for the club's annual meeting this morning will be agog to hear hitherto restricted details of a proposed new grandstand on the ground's historic Mound.

The new stand, which will link the Tavern area and the Nursery End with modern, covered accommodation, has been some time in the gestation. But detailed architects' drawings have now been prepared and the MCC committee has been most impressed by them.

The formal go-ahead for the project will have to wait for a special meeting of the club's 18,000 members later this year. But if, as is hoped, the project is completed in time for the MCC's bi-centenary in 1987, there must be action soon.

At this stage it is difficult to put a cost on the new accommodation which will include a number of self-funding private boxes for commercial letting. My technical experts consider, however, that a building which would fit into the Lord's ambiance would run to at least £3½ million.

Seaside politics

ENJOYING an "action man" image after his part in the rescue of five naval ratings near Plymouth I understand that the SDP leader, David Owen, has been considering sailing his 20-foot sloop "The Milly" to the party's conference in Torquay this autumn.

Last year's populist exercise of playing soccer — in which Owen looked a trifle over-weight—has been abandoned and its leaders are considering a sailing regatta to give him the right salt and spray image.

The only problem they foresee is if the inevitable party rows arise before he sets sail. They fear headlines above pictures showing Owen sailing his boat which say "Doctor at sea."

From this month's issue of MARXISM TODAY: *"The Hall-Carpenter Archives. With the help of a GLC grant the Hall-Carpenter Archives has now moved into the new London Lesbian and Gay Centre. It aims to train volunteers to use oral history to record the experience of lesbians and gay men in London, particularly working-class women, older or disabled people and members of ethnic minorities who have been marginalised." Just fancy that.*

Bombs gone

ONLY a few months after defusing a huge bomb in the centre of Sheffield the same team from the Royal Engineers' Bomb Disposal Regiment have been in the Solomon Islands where they have cleared more than 1,000 devices from the 1939-45 War.

The Sappers have just returned to Britain after dismantling shells, bombs, grenades and other ordnance, which included a depth charge, from an area designated to become a small airport. Despite the dangerous deterioration of the explosives involved, the only casualties suffered by the team came while playing football against a local team named the Bongo Creek FC.

However, the Sappers were forced to leave behind a 2,000-pound bomb, still full of explosive but defused, which the islanders have been using as a seat since 1945. The local police have been told how to extract the explosive but in the meantime the locals have been warned not to light barbecues nearby.

United over the baize

THE VICTORY of Dennis Taylor in the World Snooker Championship this week has temporarily united the divided community in his home town of Coalisland, Co. Tyrone, which has been celebrating ever since.

Pat Logan, the editor of the local paper the TYRONE DEMOCRAT, recalled that when Taylor played an exhibition match there a few months ago more than 700 people crowded in to watch.

He said: "There were DUP, Provos, SDLP, old, young, green as grass, black as your boot. I don't think I've seen such a motley crew in one place since the beginning of the troubles. The only others who would have got that lot under one roof would have been God and the boxer Barry McGuigan."

Uneasy bedfellows

THE traditionally cosy relationship between the United States President and the White House Press Corps seems to be under strain.

A recent report by the White House Correspondents' Association accused the President's secret service bodyguards of harassment and "anti-Press bias." It alleges repeated searching of bags and briefcases and over-zealousness in keeping the Press and the President apart.

However, Robert Snow, the assistant director of the secret service is unimpressed by the report. He says: "The things that make a good agent also make a good reporter—being aggressive and pushy. You'd be jumping into bed with the President if you could."

Carry on dining

FOR GENERATIONS of tourists and Dickens enthusiasts, Mr Pickwick has been closely associated with the George and Vulture in the City—a hostelry where the avuncular Pickwick stayed with Sam Weller.

Cedric Dickens, the author's great-grandson, last year led a campaign to stop what he feared might be the imminent demolition of the place. But its future now seems assured.

The building (drawn for me by Geoffrey Fletcher) which has been on the site since 1600 and was known to Pepys, is to be preserved as a listed building. Plans put to the City Corporation by Williams and Glyn's Bank are seeking to redevelop neighbouring offices.

Amidst all the excitement surrounding the change of heart over Prince Charles's proposed attendance of a Roman Catholic mass in the Vatican, it is interesting to note that exactly 415 years ago yesterday Pope Pius V, now elevated to the sainthood, excommunicated Elizabeth I for her Protestant faith.

Hotel despair

NORMAN LAMONT, the Trade Minister, will tonight present the hotel of the year awards—but far more interesting to those of us who are frequent travellers is the separate category of the worst hotels in the world.

In Mozambique one traveller found that his room had no linen, no towels, no curtains, no lavatory paper and no water. A Chicago hotel was described as "prison," a New York one where a businessman was mugged in the foyer as "less safe than Central Park" and a tourist described the food at his Moscow hotel as "inedible" and added that his room was bugged "but not in the sense of espionage."

Alas, the organisers refuse to name the establishments concerned for legal reasons. But, they add darkly, for seasoned travellers it should not be difficult to work out which they are.

Jack in the box

MUSIC LOVERS with more than £1,000 to spare are being invited by estate agents, Cluttons, to bid for a single box in the Royal Albert Hall.

Lord Aberdare has just put up for sale the remaining 882 years of his 1,000 year lease on the family's 10-seat Grand Tier box. His ancestor Henry Bruce, Home Secretary in Gladstone's government and a member of the committee responsible for founding the hall, bought it originally for £1,000 in 1871.

It has been a remarkable investment for the Bruces but can any potential buyer be certain that the Royal Albert Hall will still be intact in more than eight centuries time?

Hard bargain

KEEVIL and District Women's Institute in Wiltshire exhorts in the local parish magazine: "If you have any items you would like to sell, with 10 per cent. going to W.I. funds, bring them along to the AGM when we will be having a sales table. A chance to get something for those things you just can't give away."

PETERBOROUGH

New lease of life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chivalry towards the enemy

SIR — The forthcoming visit of President Reagan to West Germany and the 40th commemoration of VE Day are looked upon by most West Germans as symbolising the spirit of reconciliation in which their country, now a leading member of the Nato alliance, will participate.

In such a context the present hullabaloo in the United States (echoed in some West European countries) over the proposed visit of the American President to a German war cemetery is surely an over-reaction.

It comes from the fact that some 47 SS soldiers are buried there with 2,000 German war dead.

If this spirit of reconciliation is meant to be sincere, should we not for once get away from the "SS syndrome" and recall that the regular German Army in the West fought the war largely in accordance with the Geneva Convention?

For example, most Allied prisoners-of-war were interned in German camps under the rules of that Convention (unlike the notorious Japanese PoW camps) and many of our own wounded PoWs recovered in German hospitals.

Indeed, in the Battle of Britain and the campaign in North Africa the British and Germans had a mutual respect for each other and acts of chivalry on both sides were not unknown.

D. G. GALVIN
Gerrnoe, Cornwall.

MPs' business at high pitch

SIR—I was pleased to read Mr T. E. Utley's article (April 29) raising the question about the carefully-staged uproars organised by the Opposition at P.M. Question Time.

Unlike Mr Utley, however, I am in favour of the suggestion that Mrs Thatcher should reply to the questions in her normal tone of voice.

I favour this even if this means that the Press gallery cannot hear what she says or, for that matter, the Members present in the House, and also the public who happen to be listening on the radio.

By raising her voice to a high pitch, the Prime Minister is only encouraging the Opposition scallywags to behave as they do.

The responsibility for dealing with this matter should be in the hands of the Speaker.

It is his duty to deal with the offenders and I cannot understand why he does not take steps to do so. All MPs who behave badly and make it impossible for speakers to be heard, should immediately be removed from the House, and in addition be suitably punished.

F. MACDONALD
London, S.W.11.

Too difficult

SIR—Maths difficult? Try cutting your teeth on butter!

C. BROWNLEE
Truro, Cornwall.

Celebration of Guiding over 75 years

SIR—What is the matter with the media? A happy superbly planned celebration of 75 years of Guiding has been reduced to a condemnation of the Movement by newspaper headlines and BBC reports.

Ask any of the 20,000 members of the Movement who attended the Crystal Palace rally *their* opinion of the day. It was an overwhelming success due to the months of meticulous planning and rehearsing by those responsible for the organisation.

I have felt near to tears many times since we left the stadium, that such severe freak weather conditions, which I doubt anyone could have foreseen, should have marred the culmination of such a superb day.

The onset of the hail and snow coincided exactly with the commencement of the Pageant. The organisers had no choice but to let the show go on, and go on it did, with a great degree of professionalism.

The parade of flags, one representative from every company in the South-East Region, some 2,000 in all, had to be seen to be believed.

It was the most awe-inspiring sight, bringing home to everyone there the sheer size of the Movement to which we are proud to belong. In spite of the weather, this is the outstanding memory of the day. There was no way that this part of the proceedings could have been omitted, and it was curtailed to the shortest possible time because of the conditions.

From the onset, the flag bearers were told that whatever the weather they would not be allowed to wear anything over their uniforms, and they should have been prepared for this.

Incidentally, many of the girls removed their coats well in advance of the time they had been told.

I do hope that, having had time to reflect, the parents who found it necessary to complain to the media are regretting the damage they have done to the Movement. Spare a thought for all the disappointed organisers, who instead of being able to relax in the satisfaction of a job well done are, in their sadness of an event marred by the weather, having to justify the decisions they took.

I wonder what any of those complaining parents would have done had they had the responsibility for the 3,500 girls in the arena display in the freak weather conditions prevalent on Saturday evening.

Come on, what would have been wrong with the headline "Joyous 75th anniversary rally for 20,000 marred by freak weather conditions" instead of your "Guides' inquiry into snowstorms ordeal for 50 girls"?

B. THOMAS
West Wickham, Kent.

Auschwitz memories

SIR—I would like to add some comments to the letter from Count Nikolai Tolstoy (April 25) concerning German concentration camps. As I was sent to Auschwitz early in April, 1941, I can be, perhaps, regarded as an early witness of Nazi activities there.

I agree with your correspondent that, while remembering the horrific fate of Jewish prisoners and their ghastly mass extermination, one should not forget that members of other nations were also suffering and dying.

As far as I know, out of 18 million prisoners in German concentration camps, five million were Polish citizens, of whom 1,400,000 were Jews. The transport of 1,500 prisoners from Lublin, a provincial town in Poland, in which my older brother and I arrived at Auschwitz included some 200 Jews.

These were separated from the rest of us on arrival and brutally exterminated within days, but from the remainder also only very few survived. Victims included my brother and all friends arrested with us.

In June, 1942, I was transferred to another camp in Austria, Mauthausen/Gusen from where I was liberated by the American Army on May 5, 1945. There, the largest group of exterminated prisoners were Poles (60 per cent.) then Spaniards (12 per cent) and Russians (seven per cent.).

Count Tolstoy states that "crimes of this enormity should never be forgotten and . . . forgiven." I do not think that anybody who was in Auschwitz or Gusen is likely to forget these experiences.

However, I believe (and I already believed on the day of our liberation) that some form of reconciliation is not only desirable but necessary if we are going to live in peace in Europe, probably on equal terms with children of our ex-oppressors.

MIECZYSLAW PASZKIEWICZ
London, N.W.7.

Party canker

SIR—The measures proposed by Lady Porter (article, April 29) for improving local government are interesting and potentially effective. But surely these measures can never wholly succeed while the canker of party politics remains at the heart of local government.

What conceivable relevance have the party divisions at Westminster to the day-to-day management of local affairs? It should be made illegal to stand for a local council on a party ticket.

When I joined the service of a county council 60 years ago, any reference to party politics in debate was rigidly excluded, and issues were dealt with solely on their merits.

H. A. FOLEY
Aylesbury, Bucks.

'Authentic' rubbish

SIR—I would like to know what your readers who listen to BBC Radio 3 think of its policy of broadcasting so much ancient music.

The cult of the Baroque seems to have grown up in the last three or four years. I wonder who or what is behind it?

Music which has lain decently buried is being dug up and played on "authentic" instruments. Most of it was pot-boiling rubbish written for the fashionable salons of the nobility as a background to conversation.

R. J. LEES
Farnham, Surrey.

More for less

SIR—Your readers deserve a more reasoned exposition of the teachers' situation than that contained in Prof. Eric Radford's letter (April 23).

Cuts in education are at the heart of the matter. These have been going on now for eight or nine years—since well before Mrs Thatcher came to office. That fewer pupils need fewer teachers is self-evident; but in some schools, like the one where I was headmaster, where the number of pupils has not fallen, cuts in teaching staff have gone on just the same for several years past and are still continuing. Inevitably, this has meant an increase in the teaching load for the remaining teachers.

Cuts have been and are being made in ancillary staff—technicians, librarians and the like. This, again, has made more work for teachers. Cuts in capitation allowances have meant less equipment, fewer books and teaching materials. Again, the burden on the teacher has been increased. Cuts in maintenance allowances have meant that grounds and premises have been less well maintained to the extent that in many authorities the internal redecoration of schools has entirely ceased.

Thus, while his working conditions have markedly deteriorated, the teacher's workload has significantly increased. At the same time his pay has, for years past, failed to keep pace with inflation. Year after year he is being expected to do more for less.

It should surprise no one that the union leaders are now being supported so readily by the rank and file.

H. J. MEADOWS
Monmouth, Gwent.

Missing lessons

SIR — It is nonsense for Prof. Eric Radford (April 23) to state that during the present teachers' strike "no teacher's child will suffer . . . teacher's children will get missing lessons at home."

My husband is a senior teacher of some 25 years' experience; he would blench at the idea of teaching our son Advanced level technical drawing, our daughter Ordinary level music, French or physics, or even our youngest daughter third-year German.

The children would probably blench too.

ANNETTE MANN
Wombourne, Staffs.

Complacency over drugs

SIR—I was appalled by a recent television programme in which three drug addiction workers discussed the use and misuse of drugs. They stated that the drinking of coffee and tea is a dangerous habit and together with tobacco and alcohol causes more deaths than heroin and cocaine. Statistics were misused, for only if heroin and cocaine were as widely used as coffee, tea, tobacco and alcohol would it be possible to make a fair comparison.

According to them it appears that the newspapers are mainly to blame for using emotive words like "dangerous," "vicious" and "explosion." Further, if only society were prepared to accept the use of drugs, the problem would fade away. This programme will give a false sense of security to adolescents to presume that heroin is not necessarily addictive, and that it is easy to come off this drug.

The attitude of these drug addiction workers was distressingly complacent, especially when one considers the deep concern expressed by both Government and Opposition to the massive increase in the drug-taking figures.

A. GRIFFITHS
Manchester.

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Max Aitken, fighter pilot and Beaverbrook heir, dies aged 75

WHEN Sir Max Aitken, who has died aged 75, was a very young man his declared ambition was to do everything twice as well as his father Lord Beaverbrook.

That is not likely to be the verdict of history or indeed his own, for he was a modest man, but he had one great distinction which commands respect.

Max Aitken was one of the very finest of our wartime fighter pilots.

He had joined No. 601 Squadron as a weekend flyer in the Auxiliary Air Force in 1935 and was on active service immediately war broke out.

He was flying operationally throughout the war, making his first flight over Germany in November 1939 and his last as a Group Captain over Norway in April 1945. In between he flew 147 sorties and destroyed 16 enemy aircraft himself.

He won a Distinguished Flying Cross in June 1940 for leading an attack on a Heinkel formation over Brussels in May during the action before Dunkirk. He already had three enemy aircraft to his credit and several probables before the Battle of Britain began.

Night fighter squadron

By then he was a squadron commander and in January 1941 he was promoted Wing Commander and given command of his famous Beaufighter squadron of night fighters, which using radar, shot down many Nazi raiders heading for London during the next two years besides patrolling the North Sea.

In 1942 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for the operational efficiency of his squadron which owed much to his own skill. He was also awarded the Czech War Cross by President Benes for his work in training Czech night fighters.

In January 1943 he was posted to the Middle East as Group Captain. His wing operated in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean, protecting shipping lanes. In September 1944 he returned to Britain to command a Mosquito Wing of Coastal Command, operating against enemy shipping in Norwegian waters.

Full newspaper training

After the war he was elected Conservative MP for Holborn but the House of Commons seemed stifling after his wartime experiences and did not seek re-election in 1950 pleading "business pressures" as his excuse. It cannot be said that he made much mark on the Commons.

Sir Max Aitken

Max Aitken was born in Montreal in 1910 the year his father secured election to Parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne. He was educated at Westminster and Pembroke College Cambridge where he gained a Soccer Blue in 1930 and 1931.

His flamboyant father was immensely proud of him, to the exclusion of his younger brother Peter. That pride was increased a thousand-fold by his war record. He had made him principal proprietor of the SUNDAY EXPRESS as a 21st birthday present in 1931, but in fact he kept full control himself, a little later taking it back in return for £4,000 a year free of tax. But the young Max Aitken had a full training in every aspect of the business.

He had spent his Cambridge vacations reporting, sub-editing and in the publishing, circulation and accountancy departments, even training as a compositor and getting his trade union ticket. After coming down from Cambridge, he became a director in 1932, and went to Glasgow as general manager later that year, moving to Manchester as manager in 1933.

Then he left the Express for four years, gaining experience in other fields. He rejoined in 1938. After the war, particularly after he left the Commons, he took over more responsibility at Beaverbrook Newspapers, but his heart was never in the business as his father's had been. The pull of the sea and of the air was much greater to him than that of Fleet Street.

When his father died he immediately disclaimed the baronetcy for life. He had no desire to retain the baronetcy either but found it was not legally possible to disclaim it.

He said at the time: "The title was earned and won by my father. He brought on it a unique distinction which belongs to him alone. Certainly in my lifetime there will be only one Lord Beaverbrook."

He was now in sole command of the newspapers but the torch of genius was gone and the DAILY EXPRESS which under his father had achieved an unapproachable place among popular newspapers now began a period of slow decline both in impact and readership a trend which was not arrested by the decision to adopt a tabloid format in January 1977.

In July 1977 Beaverbrook Newspapers was sold to the Trafalgar House company for £13·7 million. Sir Max became non-executive president for life and a non-executive director but 12 months later grave and debilitating illness forced him to resign from the board.

He was president of the Newspaper Press Fund from 1965. He was a keen yachtsman and a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Besides his Beaverbrook interests he was a director of Associated Television and the Price Co. He was Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

He was married three times. In 1939 to Miss Cynthia Monteith, who obtained a divorce in 1944; in 1946 to Jane Kenyon-Slaney, by whom he had two daughters and who obtained a divorce in 1950, and in 1951 he married Violet, daughter of Sir Humphrey de Trafford. His heir is his son by his third wife Mr Maxwell William Humphrey Aitken.

RULING AGAINST SECOND JUDGE IN AUSTRALIA

By Our Melbourne Correspondent

A second Australian judge has been found to have a case to answer on two charges of having tried to pervert the course of justice in a trial involving a Sydney solicitor, Morgan Ryan.

The judgment against John Foord of the New South Wales District Court, comes four days after a former Attorney-General and High Court judge, Lionel Murphy, 62, was sent for trial on similar but separate charges also involving Ryan.

The magistrate, Mr Robert Evans, decided in a Sydney court yesterday the evidence of the main prosecution witnesses, Clarrie Briese, New South Wales Chief Magistrate, and Judge Paul Flannery, was capable of satisfying a jury that Foord had attempted to pervert the course of justice.

Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, daughter of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, photographed by her father for her 21st birthday today.

Cathedral needs cash

By CANON D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

COVENTRY Cathedral, Sir Basil Spence's modern architectural masterpiece consecrated 23 years ago is now causing the provost and chapter some anxiety.

The Provost, the Very Rev. Colin Semper has handed over the day to day running of the cathedral to a colleague and is to spend several months with a firm of appeals consultants studying whether it is feasible to raise £500,000 to £600,000.

Besides urgent repairs to the organ the cathedral needs the renewal of part of its copper roof, damaged by a former oil fired boiler, and the renewal of the cappings of the roof.

Other repairs include the pointing of the stonework and the rehanging of the bells in the old tower. The cathedral chapter would like to construct a viewing chamber so that tourists can see the bells

A new cathedral shop, a new public address system, and cleaning of the marble floor worn by hundreds of thousands of visitors are included in the restoration scheme.

The medieval St Michael's cathedral, Coventry, was destroyed apart from the walls and the spire during the blitz in 1940.

After the war it was decided to leave the ruin as a memorial and build a new cathedral next to it as a sign of newlife. The building took eight years 1954-62 to complete.

Endangered sheriffs fight for survival

By COLIN RANDALL

A PROCESSION of gleaming limousines left Gloucester yesterday evening, the occupants well pleased with their contribution to the preservation of an ancient but endangered species, the town or city sheriff.

Mr Andrew Gravells, 33, a Conservative City Councillor and 849th Sheriff of Gloucester, had gathered around him during the day a posse of fellow-sheriffs from various corners of England and Wales. Their common aim: to stop the nation's shrievalty shrinking further.

Since the Crown Court and Local Government Acts of 1970 and 1972 stripped non-county sheriffs of their judicial and administrative roles, six boroughs have abolished the office.

Others have apparently wondered whether the office is worth retaining, but 16 town or city sheriffs remain. Both of the City of London's sheriffs were unavailable yesterday, but Mr Gravells had managed to persuade 10 of his other colleagues to travel, with their consorts, to the Gloucester summit.

Although all are nearing the end of their spells as sheriffs, they voted to establish the National Association of City and Town Sheriffs of England and Wales, with full membership for the year of office and three subsequent years, and associate membership afterwards.

Modern needs

Its objectives will be to "promote, protect and preserve the office and to ensure it meets modern needs.

Mr Gravells, who fears his own job as a VAT inspector places him on a par with some of his unloved tax-collecting predecessors as Sheriff, apologised for being unable to stretch to traditional horse-drawn transport for a sight-seeing tour.

An elderly coach was produced, however, and a small knot of shoppers formed outside the Guild Hall to watch the sheriffs file on board, wearing chains of office and their fur-rimmed robes of red, black or blue.

At Gloucester's magnificent 11th Century catedral, visiting French schoolchildren seemed perplexed, as the brightly-dressed dignitaries disembarked.

But French youngsters are familiar with the adventures of Robin Hood, and cheered considerably to the news that the striking figure in black gown and matching cockade was the real-life Sheriff of Nottingham.

'Iron Maid' stands by testimony against Von Bulow

By IAN BALL in New York

CENTRAL CASTING itself could hardly have improved on the prosecution's chief witness against Claus Von Bulow at his retrial on charges of attempting to murder his heiress wife with insulin injections.

Maria Schrallhammer, Mrs Martha Von Bulow's 62-year-old Austrian-born maid, was dubbed the "Iron Maid" by reporters covering Von Bulow's original trial in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1982.

On her return to the witness box this week, Miss Schrallhammer—an ineffably sad woman whose own life evidently lost much of its meaning when her mistress fell into an irreversible coma in December, 1980—certainly did nothing to detract from her "iron maid" reputation.

The diminutive maid clung unwaringly to the damaging testimony that helped convince the original jury that Von Bulow was guilty of two attempts on his wife's life.

The State Supreme Court overturned the verdict on technical grounds and a new trial became necessary.

'Telling the truth'

Miss Schrallhamer told the court this week that Von Bulow threet mes refused to summon a doctor as wife sank into the first of two comas. She has also retold in vivid terms her discovery of Von Bulow's "little black bag" containing a phial of ins ulin and a syringe.

She denied that she prejudiced against Von Bulow for breaking up what she has ertmed a "beautiful, fairy-tale" first marriage between her mistress and Prince Alfred Von Auerperg.

Mrs Von Bulow was a society figure with a personal estate worth more than $50 million. The state's case is that Von Bulow tried to kill her so that he could inherit her money and marry another woman.

Mr Thomas Puccio, Von Bulow's chief lawyer repeatedly tried to establish that Miss Schrallhammer's story was so perfect that she must have been painstakingly coached. Did the prosecutors tell her what to say?

"They told me to tell the truth and that is what I am doing," she replied.

ACTRESS IS RAID CASE WITNESS

By HEATHER MILLS Old Bailey Correspondent

BARBARA WINDSOR, the actress, gave evidence at the Old Bailey yesterday on behalf of her former brother-in-law JOHN KNIGHT, who with five others denies charges concerning a £6 million raid at Security Express in Shoreditch in 1983.

Knight, 46, denies he was one of an armed gang who burst into the premises, doused guards with petrol and threatened to set them alight unless they gave information about the vault's combinations. He claimed he was out jogging near his home in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire at the time of the robbery.

During the tenth week of the trial Miss Windsor told the jury that her ex-husband Ronnie Knight, a nightclub owner, and John Knight, had jointly owned a villa in Spain, which she visited regularly.

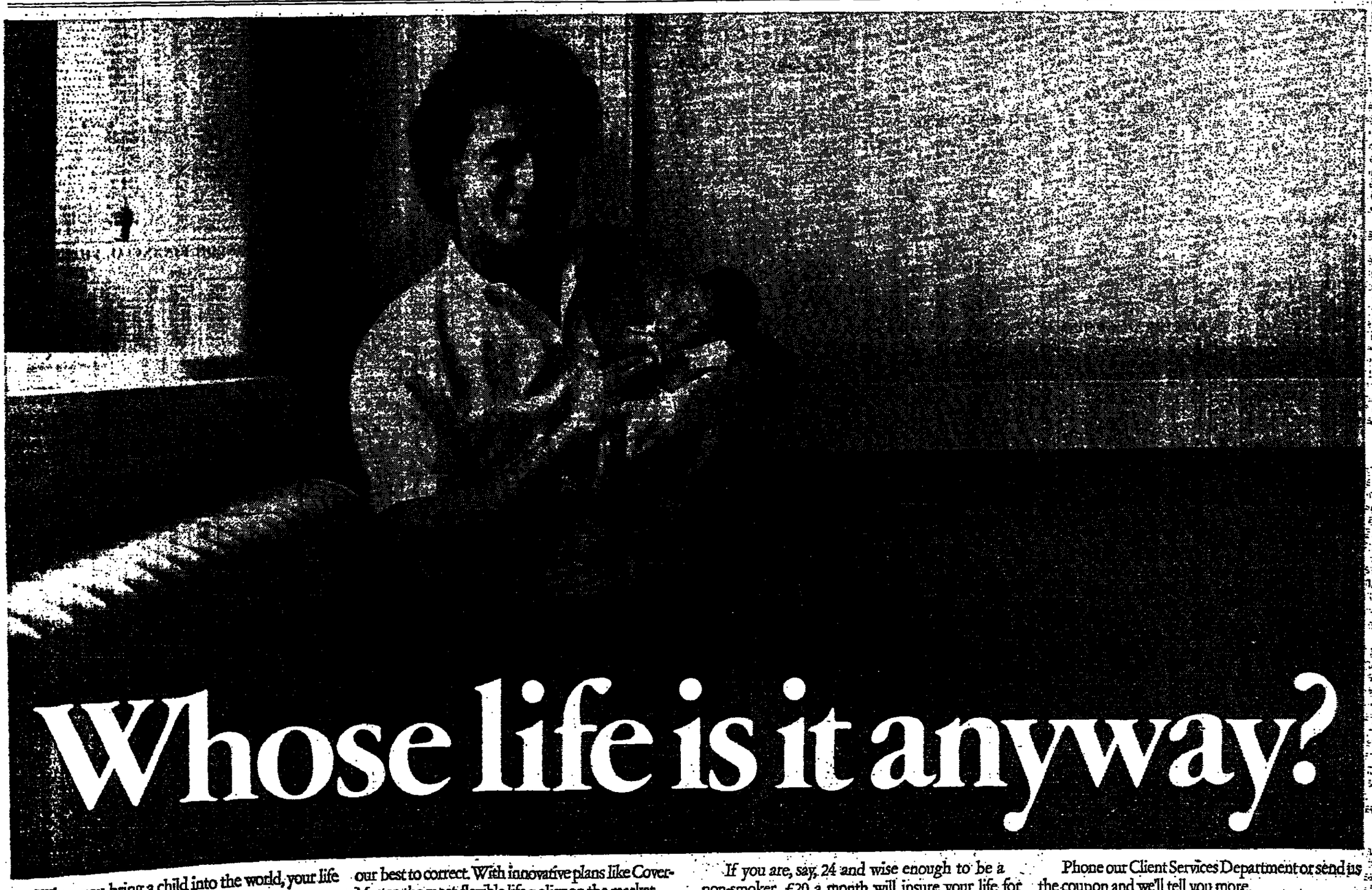
Under cross examination by Mr MICHAEL WORSLEY, Q.C., prosecuting, he denied that it contained a hiding place "for substantial cash sums." She said that if such a place existed she would certainly have known about it.

She said she and Ronnie had sold their £140,000 home when they divorced and he used his portion to buy out his brother's share in the villa for £65,000.

Asked why the transactions were in cash she said: "That is the way Ronnie does it. That is one of the reasons I am divorced from him."

John Knight, along with TERENCE PERKINS, 36, a property developer of Oak Avenue, Enfield, and JOHN HICKSON, 41, a market trader of Peabody Buildings, Chequer Street, Holborn, all deny robbery

The trial was adjourned till today.



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Bid fever grips equities

ACCOUNT: April 29-May 10.
PAY DAY: May 20.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 24,085.
RISES: 245. FALLS: 417.
UNCHANGED: 1,069
EQUITY TURNOVER (April 29):
Number of bargains 21,979;
value £208·71 million.
Shares traded: 171·7 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, April 30, 1985

	Index	Change	1985 High	1985 Low
Indust. Ord.	971·4	+2·9	1024·5	939·7
Govt. Secs.	81·28	−0·02	82·00	78·02
Gold Mines	501·3	−7·3	536·9	439·5
Fixed Int.	85·60	−0·02	86·19	82·17
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·69	unch	5·26	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	11·78	unch	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1291·0	−1·9	1309·9	1206·1

STOCK markets were in the grip of takeover fever yesterday and the overnight drop on Wall Street, which saw this market suffering its biggest loss for nearly six months, had only temporary effect on Throgmorton Street.

American favourites such as Imperial Chemical Industries were lowered at the opening on transatlantic influences and the market indices weakened accordingly, but renewed speculative activity in shares thought likely to be on the receiving end of takeover offers encouraged a general recovery in values.

The "30" index, which was 3·6 down at 10 a.m., finished the session with a gain of 2·9 at 971·4, largely due to revived bid speculation in **Thorn-EMI**, which climbed 24 to 444p, after 449p on whispers of a possible offer either from R C A of America or Hanson Trust. The "100" index, 8·8 lower at one stage, was only 1·9 easier at 1,291.

The stores sector was again a hive of activity as operators searched for likely bid recipients and old favourites to meet particular interest were **Owen Owen**, 30 up at 228p, **Dixons**, 21 higher at 684p, and **Dunhill**, 18 to the good at 385p. Wall Street uncertainties caused some panicky profit-taking in **Debenhams** at the opening, hence an early fall to 267p, but the subsequent renewal of takeover suggestions left the shares unchanged at 280p.

A birghter opening in gilt-edged stocks enabled the Government broker to sell some of the **Exchequer 10¼ p.c., 1995, "tap,"** but business soon petered-out and stock quotations subsequently moved narrowly. The final picture was one of little alteration, although some short-dated stocks closed a shade firmer.

American offerings of **Imperial Chemical Industries** saw the price down to a rather nominal 720p before the official opening of the market, but consideration of the company's basically attractive investment statistics prompted bargain-hunting at the lower levels, hence a final price of 731p, a fall of 13. Wall Street influences were also at work in Glaxo, £3¼ off at £11¹⁵⁄₁₆, and **Jaguar**, 5 off at 289p.

In the drinks sector, **Mansfield Brewery** responded to vague takeover suggestions and ended 31 higher at 425p, but **Higsons Brewery**, where the directors denied knowledge of any reason for recent strength apart from the thin and sensitive market conditions, lost 15 to 150p.

Building issues were notable for the market's welcome to the results and 100 p.c. scrip issue news from **Tarmac**; the shares advanced 16 to 548p. On the other hand, **Roberts Adlard** slipped 6 to 99p after their figures. Sudden interest in **S G B Group** inevitably encouraged bid speculation and the shares ended 10 up at 178p after 182p.

B A T Industries were under pressure as a result of what some observers saw as a chart "sell" signal. The price was still falling in late dealings and ended 14 down at a 1985 low of 311p. **British Aerospace** remained sensitive ahead of the new government issue details and ended 5 easier at 395p.

Westland were 4 better at 144p awaiting further developments in the consortium bid situation, while **Ingall Industries** jumped 18 to 108p on House of Fraser's counter-offer to the one from Great Midland Co-op **Planet Group** were suspended at 98p, up 6, following a bid approach.

A major stakeholding change directed speculative interest to **Unigroup**, which ended 13 higher at 40p, after 44p. **Evode Group**, often suggested as a possible takeover target for Beecham Group, advanced to 140p before closing 10 up at 136p. **Redfearn National Glass**, which rose 9 to 85p on Monday, continued to meet bid speculation and jumped 13 more to 98p. **Marling Industries** also attracted attention at 106p, up 13.

Good figures inspired activity in **Ropner**, which advanced to 192p before closing 19 higher at 187p. Other results to encourage buying interest came from **J J & D Frost**, 10 up at 68p, **Raybeck**, 2 better at 28½p, and **William Jacks**, also 4 firmer at 30p.

Muirhead were again wanted on hopes of an increased offer from R H P and ended 6 better at 196p. There was a takeover buzz in the market for **Grosvenor Group**, which responded with a rise of 15 to 155p. Bid whispers were also responsible for gains in **Birmid-Qualcast**, at 90½p, **Stothert & Pitt**, at 148p, and **Neill & Spencer**, at 32p.

There was some selective support for property shares and stock shortage prompted particular strength in **Rosehaugh**, £¾ higher at £10½. **Stock Conversion**, where dealers are still well aware of the takeover prospect, gained 10 to 505p, while similar rises were seen in **Imry**, at 310p, and **Mountview Estates**, at 370p.

Life insurance issues continued to benefit from a brokers' circular with **London & Manchester** rising 16 to 715p, **Legal & General** 9 to 692p, and **Prudential** 7 to 667p. Following news of merger talks, **Hogg Robinson** ended 4 easier at 292p, after 286p, and **C E Heath** 8 up at 566p, after 571p.

Demand after the official close of the market left **Ocean Transport** 9 higher 178p, a movement which was accompanied by revived suggestions of a bid from **P & O**. The latter's shares ended 2 firmer at 355p, after 348p.

British Home Stores attracted support ahead of next Tuesday's results and closed 7 better at 286p. **Stormgard**, a rising market since last week's offer for Selincourt, gained 4 more to 38p, while **Selincourt** hardened afresh to 35p. Bid speculators came for **Illingworth Morris**, 6 up at 86p, and **Carpets International**, 1 firmer at 69p, after 71p.

Crude oil price uncertainties made for a dull start in leading oil shares and there was no recovery in "**Shell**," which ended 10 down at 725p. However, **British Petroleum** attracted buyers at their early level of 548p and closed 2 harder at 557p, while **Burmah** responded to revived takeover suggestions and ended 9 up at 225p, after 228p.

Apart from dullness in bullion, $2·50 down at $321, gold shares had to contend with renewed concern about the South African political situation. In the event, prices fell on a broad front, with **Vaal Reefs** another £¾ lower at £76¼. **F. S. Geduld** slipped to £22⅝ and **Southvaal** to £57¼.

Tailpiece

IN THE note of February 27, TAILPIECE suggested that there could be a boost to investment interest in **Group Lotus**, the British sports car and engineering company. At the time, the shares stood at 80p and subsequent solid support has prompted an advance to 98p.

Monday's results were satisfactory, with the chairman, David Wickins, reporting a 73 p.c. advance in profits to £476,000 and the stage seems set for further significant progress over the years ahead. The company's exciting new sports car, the X100, which is being developed in conjunction with Toyota, is due to start production in 1987, while current sales of existing models are already well up on last year.

Major shareholders, British Car Auctions, Toyota, Midepsa, and J. C. Bamford Investments, account for nearly 70 p.c. of the equity and are extremely unlikely to be sellers of the shares. This solid background augers well for the market rating and holders should sit tight.

TOBACCOS

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
385	311	BAT Inds.	311	
95½	75	Carroll Inds.	88	
200	176	[illegible]	188	
202	169	Rothmans	175	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
102	Grampian Hld (nil pd)	20 pm	
285	LASMO (nil pd)	24 pm	
285	Meuser	85 pm	
375	Senna Group (nil pd)	33 pm	

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
100	Alexandra Wkwr Plc	148	
172	ASDA Props	178	
125	Aspen	174	
155	Assoc Steel Distribrs	168	
82	BTS Group	71	
185	Bedford William	165	
10	Bennett Fountain	13	
150	Berkeley Tech	135	
90	Blue Bird Toys	132	
105	Comd. Tern. Inv.	89	
85	Crown International	88	
117	Electron	123	
100	German Small Units	118	
145	Hillsdown Hlds	152	
120	Howard Group	186	
160	Huntleigh Tech	195	
145	Hann & Co.	155	
28	Maxiprint	28	
100	Mayhew Foods	120	
120	Moorgate Group	161	
175	New London Oil	188	
135	Osborne & Little	205	
—	P&O Conv. Prf. 6·35	111	
150	Penner & Giles Intl	172	
110	Persimmon	110	
100	Pepe	94	
—	Pleasurama 7¾ C. Prf	116	
100	Prestwick Lass	103	
92	Process Systems	74	
—	Racal 7¾ conv.	116	
—	Sangers 11¾ C.Ln 94.02	185	
110	Scott Greenham	106	
100	Sherrocks	88	
128	Sims Catering Butchrs	160	
175	Smitron	175	
68	Snalax TV	100	
96·985	Spain (Kof)11¾ Ln 2010	£35¾	
174	Sunspan Group	210	+1
—	T & S Stores	134	
130	Wayne Kerr	143	
68	Wyko	71	

TOURIST RATES

Country	Rate	Currency
Australia	1·89	dollar
Austria	26·50	schilling
Belgium	76·00	franc
Canada	1·68	dollar
Denmark	13·74	kroner
Finland	7·99	markkaa
France	11·53	franc
Germany	3·77	marks
Greece	*162·00	drachmae
Holland	4·29	guilders
Iceland	49·00	kronur
Ireland	2·212	punt
Israel	1,150	shekel
Italy	*2,425	lire
Japan	310	yen
Malta	*0·5780	pounds
New Zealand	2·72	dollars
Norway	10·96	kroner
Portugal	*207·00	escudos
South Africa	*2·45	rand
Spain	*208·50	pesetas
Sweden	11·04	kronor
Switzerland	3·16	francs
Turkey	550·00	lira
United States	1·231	dollars
Yugoslavia	*295·00	dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
* Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	June	106·15	106·24—106·14	5008	107·29—101·21
	Sept	109·25	109·27—109·25	2	110·31—109·21
US T-bond	June	70·25	70·26—70·07	1964	72·29—67·28
	Sept	69·23	69·23—69·09	17	71·12—67·16
3 month £	June	87·74	87·88—87·71	2349	90·13—87·71
	Sept	88·50	88·65—88·49	248	89·30—88·00
3 month Euro-dollar	June	91·07	91·08—90·85	4574	91·52—89·22
	Sept	90·32	90·35—90·08	2080	90·74—88·18
Sterling	June	1·2335	1·2450—1·2335	185	1·2905—1·0600
	Sept	1·2340	1·2265—1·2240	3	1·2815—1·0525
D-mark	June	0·3226	0·3256—0·3230	59	0·3279—0·2911
	Sept	—	—	—	0·3247—0·3045
Swiss Franc	June	—	—	—	0·4059—0·3465
	Sept	—	—	—	
Yen	June	—	—	—	0·4058—0·3859
	Sept	—	—	—	0·4012—0·4018
FT-SE 100	June	128·55	128·65—127·90	172	131·00—112·60
	Sept	129·25	129·25—128·90	11	131·40—126·40

Contracts specifications include:
Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling eurodollars—£500,000/US$ 1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000, Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 4,466

• ex-div   † ex-scrip   ‡ ex-rights
‡ ex-all   ** quotation temp suspended
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CES chief's pay trebles

COMBINED English Stores chairman and managing director Murray Gordon, saw his pay almost treble over the last two years, reflecting the strong recovery in the group's profitability from a depressed £1·75 million in 1982-83 to £9·16 million pre-tax last year.

The group's 1984-85 accounts show Mr Gordon received £225,223 in salary and profits related commission last year, a £69,117 increase over the previous year when his pay almost doubled from £79,618 to £156,106.

Two other directors, believed to be deputy chief executive David Roxburgh, and finance director Edward Haygarth, moved up into the £100,000-a-year bracket, receiving between £115,000 and £120,000 against £80,000 and £85,000 in the previous year.

Britannia payout

STUART Goldsmith, who last December resigned as investment director of Britannia Arrow and managing director of its unit trust subsidiary, received a £100,000 payment on termination of employment, according to Britainnia's latest accounts.

At the time of his departure, it was stressed that Mr Goldsmith had resigned voluntarily and that there had been no disputes within the group.

Tarmac peak

TARMAC came through 1984 with pre-tax profits at a record £109·6m against £89·6m and is looking for further growth in 1985, the group reported yesterday. It made several acquisitions in the year to December, and five out of its six divisions posted advances.

The group proposes a one-for-one scrip issue, and is raising the final dividend from 10p to 12p a share, payable July 4, making 16p (13·6p) for the year.

Questor—P25

Rush record

PROPERTY and civil engineer Rush & Tomkins has chalked up another record year with pre-tax profits ahead from £2·95m to £3·05m. The group resumed expansion of the business in 1984 and turnover rose by 36 p.c. to £117m. The increase was almost equally divided between the United Kingdom and overseas.

Earnings emerge at 22·6p against 21·9p, and a 5·65p final dividend lifts the total to 7·65p (7·25p).

Questor—P25

Farnell tops £20m

FARNELL Electronics has increased its full year profits to February 3 from £15·8m to £20·3m on turnover of £77·8m against £62·9m. The final dividend is to be raised from 0·9p net to 1p for a 20 p.c. increase in the total to 1·8p.

Questor—P25

Hongkong 'bullish'

SHARE prices in Hongkong closed on a firm note yesterday with buyers directing their attention to property stocks. Dealers said investors were taking a 'bullish' view on property after the sale earlier this week by Swire Properties of Sutherland House for HK$210m. The Hang Seng index closed 23·19 points higher at 1,520·56.

WORLD MARKETS

	Closed	
AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Genl.)		
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,054·67	—13·28
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,226·10	— 4·00
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,520·56	+23·19
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,253·06	— 1·66
PARIS (CAC General)	215·40	— 0·10
SINGAPORE (Straits Times)	791·81	— 3·72
SYDNEY (All Ord.)	875·10	+ 6·40
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,426·29	—39·63
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	346·50	+ 1·50

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 8⅝ pc (8Z pc)
Treas 3 mth bills 7·87-7·82 (7·85-7·80)
Long bonds $98·20 ($97·19)
Yield .... 11·48 pc (11·52 pc)

U.S. COMMODITIES

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FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	635·79	(—0·47)
"500"	682·67	(—0·52)
All-Share	622·11	(—0·13)

CBI forecasts growth and jobs stability

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

ECONOMIC recovery is gathering pace with orders and output rising faster than expected while the manufacturing labour force shows signs of sabilising after sharp falls, according to the latest Confederation of British Industry survey yesterday.

The more optimistic tone of the quarterly survey, based on replies from 1,544 manufacturing companies, shows that half of the industries covered expect to be net recruiters of labour over the next four months.

But David Wigglesworth, chief executive of Bemrose chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, cauptioned: "We are not going into orbit. The CBI is not suggesting we should go over the top in reporting this as a significant breakthrough. There are problems still with us."

The survey will provide welcome relief for the Government after recent critical post-Budget comments about industrial policies and is further confirmation of a quick bounce-back after the miners' strike.

CBI economists are pointing to two other key elements, the lag between export optimism being reflected in orders and output and the rush to bring forward capital spending before the reduction in allowances.

They feel the survey results underline their forecasts that the economy will grow by 4 p.c. this year and they continue to be more optimistic than the Treasury.

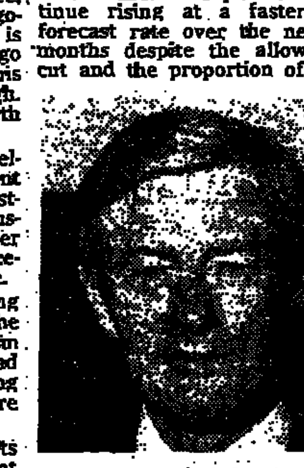
Business confidence is up sharply compared to the January survey, helped by the end of the miners' strike but there are still worries about high interest rates and the CBI is warning that consumer demand could be choked unless there is a faster fall in the cost of borrowing.

The acceleration in orders over the past four months has been most marked among companies employing more than 200 and in the capital goods sector. Further improvements predicted over the next four months suggest order books are back to their January 1984 levels.

The number of companies reporting order books are below normal is the lowest since 1977 and while 54 p.c. say they are still working below full capacity the CBI says output is expected to go on rising at a faster rate.

Shortages of skilled labour have become more important as a constraint to new orders and the lack of capacity is at its highest level since 1974.

Investment is expected to continue rising at a faster-than-forecast rate over the next 12 months despite the allowances cut and the proportion of com-



David Wigglesworth for the CBI: "There are still problems."

panies saying they are spending to provide extra capacity as well as improve efficiency is the highest since 1979.

Export optimism remains strong and orders have been rising at the fastest rate since 1977. A slower, but still strong, improvement is predicted over the next four months with companies pushing up prices to improve margins.

CITY COMMENT

U.S. clamour over Japan's trade imbalancing act

PERHAPS the most likely concrete result of the Bonn economic summit which begins tomorrow is a commitment on the part of the seven participants to a new round of multilateral trade talks to begin early next year.

The Americans, who are pressing hardest for a firm date to be set, have made no bones about the fact that without it the Administration will be hard put to resist clamorous pressure for protection against the Japanese imports now flooding the American market.

Not that the United States is the only country moaning about Japan's export juggernaut: Britain and the rest of Europe are none too happy either. But the imbalance of trade with America is by far the most spectacular. The bilateral deficit with Japan represented nearly a third of the $123 billion United States merchandise trade deficit last year, and both are set to widen again this year.

Exports to the United States thus represent a hefty proportion of the record $47 billion trade surplus for 1984-85 announced by the Japanese finance ministry yesterday, a point underscored by the simultaneous announcement of an $11 billion American trade deficit last month.

Japan is going to come under heavy pressure at the summit to do more to open up her own markets to imports, which now run into an impenetrable combination of red tape and Japanese suspicion of foreign goods. Prime Minister Nakasone's television appeal for consumers to buy more from abroad has won admiration for his political courage but the allies have little confidence in its practical results.

There are also likely to be heavy hints dropped that Japan should give a boost to domestic demand, which is lagging far behind the explosive growth of exports in fuelling economic recovery.

The trouble is that even if Japan were to raise national output by an extra 1 p.c. this would attract only about $700 million more imports from the United States—scarcely enough to defuse protectionist pressure.

The real problem is the still grossly uncompetitive dollar (recognition of which underlies European and especially French demands for simultaneous talks on currencies as well as trade).

Imports from Europe, with the notable exception of Britain, have done just as well as Japan in United States markets over the past year or so.

Continued overvaluation of the dollar threatens a bumpy start to any new trade talks, however desirable in their own right.

High towers and high hopes

BROTHERS John and Peter Beckwith brought their London & Edinburgh Trust to the market amid high expectations in November 1983, raising £7·5 million in the process. Now they are asking shareholders for another £13·9 million by way of a rights issue of four 6·5 p.c. convertible preference shares of £1 at par for every five Ordinary shares held.

London & Edinburgh is one of the rare pure development companies which puts together a project, sells to an investing institution before it starts, gets building and then, provided the property lets quickly, makes a profit on the deal.

However, because of the long run-in time for construction and then letting, such companies have to run to stand still and, because of the size of their development programmes, they can wobble off course if they run into any difficulties.

So it is an interesting question whether London & Edinburgh had hit a snag on its joint Billingsgate office development with S. & W. Berisford. The two office towers, totalling 185,000 sq. ft have been let to Samuel Montagu at a record rent for the area of £52 a foot, but the merchant bank has said that it will not now occupy the building following its tie-up with Stockbrokers W. Greenwell.

While the rental income on the Billingsgate project is assured London and Edinburgh and Berisford are finding it impossible to sell the investment until potential buyers can see the quality of the covenant of the tenant to replace Samuel Montagu.

Reasons advanced in the circular for the rights issue are suitably vague. The proceeds are to be used to repay short-term debt and to provide additional working capital — In other words, the money is required in case something turns up.

But one leading property analyst suggested yesterday that the issue could be the springboard for a major purchase, or even a takeover.

Time will tell.

Gilt-edged solid comfort

BOTH on Monday and yesterday the Government broker managed to sell modest amounts of gilt-edged stocks from his shelves, albeit after a slight cut in the price of one of the offerings. Whether the authorities were thus merely funding the Government's borrowing requirement, or "over-funding" it, will be evident some weeks hence when the May money supply figures are published.

But this week's operations are a reminder of the treadmill to which the Treasury is tied. Because public spending cannot be reduced as sharply as hoped and because money supply trends are less sensitive to interest rates trends than once envisaged, the Government is forced to over-sell gilt-edged stocks in order to get the money supply figures within the desired range.

The gilt-edged market itself remains edgy. It can see that the next set of money supply figures, due for release after the Bank Holiday, will probably underline how difficult it is to achieve the required deceleration. Meanwhile, the pound fluctuates within wide margins on the foreign exchange market. The stock market assumption is that sterling is likely to swing between $1·20 and $1·30 for the time being — it closed 1·18 cents higher last night at $1·2415—but this belief is held with little conviction.

Phillips & Drew, in their latest circular to clients on the gilt-edged market, sum up these cross currents. They say that there will "probably" be scope in the month ahead for bank base rates to fall a little further, "perhaps to a 12 p.c. level". On the other hand the brokers note that the Bank of England will probably continue to brake the fall in United Kingdom interest rates.

This is explained by the fact that, according to Phillips & Drew, there is little domestic monetary justification for lower interest rates. Furthermore, the Bank of England is likely to want sterling strong so that the country's gold reserves can be built up again. In turn, this hoped-for demand for the British currency would have to be satisfied by aggressive sales of gilt-edged stocks.

While this is an uninspiring picture, there is one handsome consolation for holders of gilt-edged stocks. At the same time as inflation is running slightly in excess of 6 p.c. with every chance of dipping down to 5 p.c. again, yields to redemption on gilt-edged stocks are twice as high.

This is solid comfort.

UK loans to China worth around £660m

By ANNE SEGALL

BRITAIN is providing China with around £660 million of cheap financing facilities to encourage the country to buy British as part of its extensive modernisation programme, it was announced yesterday.

Nine British banks are involved in the deal which is being backed by Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department. China is being offered a mixture of sterling and dollar finance in the form of "deposit facilities" worth £500 million and $450 million respectively

Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, expressed the hope yesterday that the deposit facilities "will give extra help to British exporters to boost their sales

Government sources would not disclose the terms on which China will be able to take up the money on offer, but bankers reveal that there could be a hefty interest rate subsidy if the Chinese decide to borrow in pounds.

As a poor country, China will be allowed to borrow for up to five years at a fixed interest rate of 9·85 p.c.

With British interest rates at their present levels this will involve a Government subsidy to the Chinese of over 4 p.c. bankers estimate.

They note that the Chinese have been willing to pay cash for goods bought in Britain. Deposit facilities like the ones made available yesterday were first offered in 1978.

But of the $1,200 million available, the Chinese only borrowed $370 million. As a result, the facilities were allowed to lapse in June 1983.

The money being offered to China is available in the form of seven separate facilities. Midland Bank has emerged as the single biggest provider of loans, with a facility of £100 million and $160 million on offer.

To qualify under the deposit facilities, export contracts must be placed within the next year. ECGD said yeserday that 85 p.c. of the contract value will be financed through the facilities with the Chinese expected to find the rest of the money themselves.

High dollar lobby pressing Reagan

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

CONGRESSIONAL democrats have joined the chorus of those calling for an international minetary meeting and urged President Reagan to address the problem of the high dollar at this week's Bonn summit meeting.

The opposition party called on the President to convene an international conference on exchange rate policies before the end of this year.

The Democrats' plea came in response to Treasury Secretary James Baker's statements earlier this week that indicated Mr Reagan would reject French President's Fancois Miterrand's request that new trade talks be linked with discussions on revamping the international monetary system.

The timing of the Democrats' call coincided with a dismal deficit report from the Commerce Department. The Agency said that America's trade shortfall with the rest of the world was $11·05 billion in March, down slightly from the $11·45 billion deficit in the trade accounts in February.

The trade figures, combined with a disappointing leading indicators report and rising short term interest rates drove Wall Street's share prices lower for the second straight day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 1·66 lower at 1,258·06.

The market, which had hovered with a small loss in early trading, took a turn for the worse when U.S. Trust raised its broker loan rate to 9½ p.c. from 9 p.c.

The Wall Street slide was aided by a government report which showed the government's gauge of future business activity declined 0·2 p.c.

● Sterling in New York ended at $1·2440 against $1·2310

Hollom to lead CSI rundown

SIR JASPER HOLLOM, chairman of the Take-over Panel, is taking on the chairmanship of the Council for the Securities Industry for the final 18 months of its life before it is absorbed into the new Securities and Investment Board.

The present chairman, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, becomes the Vice Chancellor of Oxford University later this year. This is a full time appointment that leaves him no time for the CSI.

The CSI's role as the City's watchdog has been declining in the run up to the major changes due in investor protection.

Natwest hints at 'share shops'

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER Bank could eventually sell stocks and shares to customers through its branches, Lord Boardman, chairman, hinted yesterday at the bank's annual general meeting.

This would go a long way to meeting what is understood to be Mrs Thatcher's strong desire to see the development of "share shops."

Talking about the rapid changes taking place in the London stock market and the moves made by National Westminster to build up its own stockmarket expertise, Lord Boardman said: "We would expect these skills and expertise in market-making and trading to be available to service the whole of our customer base."

A spokesman for the bank confirmed yesterday that "the possibility of over-the-counter share dealing in selected branches is an option, but we have no specific plans as yet."

Argentina $50m off arrears

ARGENTINA is to make a $50 million interest payment to its bank creditors in a move aimed at preventing the American banking authorities from declaring Argentine loans as "substandard" in the books of American banks.

Argentina owes $900 million in interest arrears going back to last November.

Solicitors cash plans for East Surrey Society

A PLAN to inject £10 million a year for five years into the £38 million East Surrey building society has been devised by a group of solicitors seeking a significant stake in the housing market, writes Richard Northedge.

The scheme comes from the group of lawyers which had originally sought to form a Solicitors' Building Society but which was frustrated by the rules governing the creation of new societies.

A prospectus has been sent to nearly 1,000 lawyers who had already raised over £500,000, asking them each to pledge a minimum £20,000 of clients' money.

A deadline of May 31 has been set for 250 firms to promise to put at least that much into the East Surrey each year until 1990, rasing an annual £5 million. But it is hoped another 50 firms will pledge at least £100,000 to raise another £5 million a year.

The plan has the blessing of the East Surrey, which is chaired by a solicitor.

The society is a member of the Building Societies Association and its Investor Protection Scheme, but neither the Association nor the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, the government-appointed watchdog, has been informed of the scheme.

East Surrey general manager Robert Dommett said last night: "We do not see it in terms of a takeover but in terms of mutual benefit."

The society has 10,000 investors.

Options trading in currencies

THE STOCK Exchange Council yesterday agreed the go-ahead for the options pitch to trade contracts in cash foreign currencies.

Details are expected this morning of the first option on the sterling/dollar exchange rate to be introduced later this month.

Following the council meeting, chairman Sir Nicholas Goodison held the first of three open sessions with members on the floor of the exchange to discuss the radical changes coming in stockbroking.

Two further sessions are due today and tomorrow.

Major drive by Pru into unit trusts

By RICHARD NORTHEDGE

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE, the country's largest life company, is today launching two unit trusts as the start of a major diversification programme aimed at making it a significant force in the units industry.

The two trusts are the first non-insurance or pensions product ever offered by the Prudential, but it is intended to have a range of about 10 trusts on offer within a year.

The Pru is to use its 11,500-strong direct sales force to sell the trusts, and is aiming at investors who have not bought units previously.

A new subsidiary called Prudential Unit Trust Managers has been formed and 20 key administrative staff recruited into new offices in Ilford, Essex. Investment advice will come from the existing team which already manages nearly £20 billion of life and pension funds.

Unit trusts will be marketed under the brand name of Holborn, the location of the Pru's main London offices.

The company's only existing unit trusts — Prudential Unit Trust and Holborn Gilt Trust —have previously been marketed only for unit-linking to life policies, but are now to be sold generally.

The new trusts will be offered only for direct investment however with no life assurance premiums directed into buying units.

The two funds to be launched today are a UK Growth Trust seeking capital gains, and a High Income Trust paying dividends quarterly and expected to yield around 7 p.c.

Department of Trade authorisation has already been given for an international growth fund however, which is expected to be launched later this month and applications have been made to the Department for a range of specialist funds including North American and Japanese.

The Prudential's move is the most significant yet in a trend by the life assurance companies to offer direct unit trusts.

Royal Insurance has steadily been increasing its range of trusts.

City to draw up standard 'form'

LONDON is taking advantage of its unique ability to co-operate without forming a cartel to produce the world's first standard terms and conditions for contracts in foreign currency options interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements. Three working parties, commissioned by the British Bankers Association, are producing recommended terms and conditions which will be published next month and should become standard procedures in the London market.

The BBA believes the standard documents will reinforce London's leading position as an international financial centre for the latest kinds of financial instrument. The American markets, although more familiar with the concepts of options and swaps, are hamstrung by anti-trust laws and the dominance of American lawyers.

The three markets in London are largely in the hands of 25 to 30 leading banks, but the amounts involved are already huge. Foreign currency options, which allow traders to limit all exchange rates risk is one direction, already amount to $20 billion or more, outstanding at any one time, with individual deals of $2 billion quite common.

THE ROYAL LONDON

Highlights of the Annual Statement of Mr. W. H. Forsey, Chairman, for the year 1984

Investments

The total assets of the Group rose by 16% to over £1½ billion at the year end.

Triton Court, our redeveloped former Head Office in London, was successfully launched onto the letting market.

1984 Results

Premium income during 1984 totalled £111 million, including £15 million in respect of General Branch business. Investment and other income amounted to £89 million.

Unit Trusts

The Royal London American Growth Trust showed the highest increase in offer price in its sector during 1984.

Bonuses to Policyholders

Further substantial additional bonus allocations have been made in the form of higher special final and special reversionary bonus rates, reflecting the successful performance of the Society's investments in recent years.

Pensions

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Twenty new sea oil and gas projects

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

TWENTY new North Sea oil and gas development projects are likely to be approved this year Mr Buchanan-Smith, energy minister, announced yesterday after releasing the results of the latest estimate of offshore reserves.

Five schemes have been cleared already and another 18 are being discussed between oil companies and Department of Energy officials.

The momentum of orders is providing a boost for the workload of British offshore construction yards and leading to fears that capacity shortages may develop.

Mr Buchanan-Smith is maintaining the pressure on companies to buy British and is laying extra emphasis on the contribution foreign oil companies make to encouraging the development of offshore technology.

He will emphasise this point on United States parents of North Sea operators during a visit to the United States next week. He has been urged by the British subsidiaries to underline the importance of making technological contributions to ensure allocations of new North Sea exploration territory.

The latest offshore reserve figures provide further insight into the increase in gas finds which led the Government to order British Gas to cancel its contract to import more gas from Norway.

Gas reserves increased by 6·2 trillion cubic feet as a result of new discoveries, extra drilling and fresh information from existing field provided by 12 companies. Remaining recoverable gas reserves are estimated at 875 billion to 2,443 billion cubic metres.

Remaining recoverable oil reserves are down to the 1·13 billion—4·78 billion tonne range because output is continuing to run ahead of new finds although last year the rate of rundown slowed.

Mr Buchanan-Smith said there were still sufficient reserves to ensure oil self-sufficiency will last until the end of the century although production is forecast to peak this year at between 120 million—135 million tonnes and fall to 80 million—115 million tonnes by 1989.

He added that tax changes to encourage the extraction of further oil from existing reserves were still on the table.

The industry's case for changes in this year's Budget was rejected and companies have been asked to provide further information to define "incremental development."

Mr Buchanan-Smith said that 1984 was a "vintage year" for the offshore oil and gas industry with a record 182 wells drilled, 15 new developments and a record £2·65 billion of orders, 74 p.c. of the total, was won by British-based companies.

Details of the allocations in the ninth round of offshore exploration will be announced later this month and will be followed by the delayed announcement of the first full onshore licensing round.

Raybeck trading loss tops £2m for year

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

TROUBLED retail group Raybeck, which recently lost two key directors, yesterday reported a trading loss of £2·29 million in the year to January 26 against a profit of just over £1 million in only 39 weeks previously.

Troubles centred on its Lord John shops, which are progressively being changed to a younger image under the Detroit name. The company admits it got its stocks wrong—understocked on some lines, overstocked elsewhere. The chain made substantial losses.

These were reduced in the second half and are falling now, but because of buying forward it will still make losses in the first half this year.

Director Michael Sugarman, managing director of Lord John, resigned in October. The accounts will show a £69,000 compensation payment. Other senior managers also went.

More recently, since the year-end, Ian Horwood, finance director for just four months, also resigned from Raybeck.

Losses last year were alleviated somewhat by £1·12 million of property profits, but these were equally matched by extraordinary costs of £1·2 million, mostly for deferred tax but also for rationalisation at one of the manufacturing subsidiaries.

The year's dividends have been cut from 0·5p net per share to just the final of 0·25p payable July 1. The balance sheet remains strong with debts of £1 million against shareholders' funds of more than £16 million.

A spokesman for the group predicted yesterday that Raybeck would be back in the black this year. Early trading was encouraging but this month was described as "tough." The shares rose 4p to 28½p.

Rationalisation costs restrict CWS profits

By DAVID GREEN

RATIONALISATION of Co-op retail societies speed updramatically last year but it gave their principal supplier, the giant Co-operative Wholesale Society, a rough ride.

Trading profit for the year to January 12 was marginally down at £19·5 million on sales barely 1 per cent higher at £2·16 billion. But, says chief executive Dennis Landau, this was "an acceptable result" given the costs of absorbing loss-making societies.

During 1984 six Scottish societies, with combined losses running at £3 million a year, transferred to the CWC. It also took over the Croydon-based South Suburban society which had annual losses of £3 million on sales of more than £50 million.

On top of this, at the start of the current year, it absorbed the neighbouring Royal Arsenal society which, despite sales of more than £100 million, was clocking up losses of around £6 million a year.

One result of this has been to turn the CWS into Britain's second largest Co-operative retailer. Anticipated sales for 1985 from its retail involvement are put at more than £400 million.

"This is part of the immense and rapid change taking place in the Co-op sector of United Kingdom retailing," said Mr Landau.

"In 1980 there were well over 200 retail secities. Today there are 100 and further mergers are taking place. Now six of the societies account for over half of the sector's trade and the top ten account for two-thirds.

The biggest merger, still being worked out, is expected to be between the CWS and Co-operative Retail Services.

Planet freeze on bid approach

DOORS and windows maker Planet Group yesterday called a temporary halt to dealings in its shares and confirmed it had received a possible bid approach.

Planet shares, a firm market on Monday rising 8p, improved a further 6p to 98p in front of yesterday's 9.37 a.m. suspension, capitalising the group at £9·8 million.

A Stock Exchange inquiry is almost certain to follow, with the announcement likely to have been prompted by the strength of the group's shares and a report suggesting a buyer has been active building up a 3 p.c. stake with a view to making a 100p-a-share offer.

Company secretary John Inglis was unable to comment on the situation but confirmed that chairman Robert Lane spoke for the bulk of the board's holding of just over 24 p.c. of the equity.

Hit by a near £1 million loss in Luxembourg, Planet ended 1984 with pre-tax profits of £918,000 against £1·75 million but a good start to the current year saw the dividend total held at 2·75p.

Shareholders approved the sale of the group's Luxembourg operations to Resart-IHM of West Germany

Share option for Solicitors' Law

SHAREHOLDERS in Solicitors Law Stationery Society have been provided with a share option in the bid for the company. The £4 million cash bid came last Thursday from Pergamon Pres which plans to sell on Solicitors Law to Hollis Brothers E S A in which it has a 73 p.c. stake.

Yesterday Hollis offered one of its own shares for every two Solicitors Law. At yesterday's rlosing price of 70p, down 1p, for Hollis, this values Solicitors Law shares at 35p, exactly the same as the Pergamon cash bid.

Pergamon has already said it will acept the Hollis offer for the 74·4 p.c. of Solicitors Law it already owns. The aim is that after all the transaction Hollis should own Solicitors Law completely and Pergamon have some 80 p.c. of Hollis.

COMPANIES

Gallaher £38m in first quarter

GALLAHER, the tobacco to office products subsidiary of American Brands, has got the current year off to another record start with first quarter pre-tax profits on from £36·9m to £38·2m.

Trading profits rose by £4·5m to £44·1m, the tobacco and non-tobacco sectors being ahead 6 p.c. and 35 p.c. respectively. Interest charges, however, increased sharply from £2·7m to £5·9m, reflecting both higher rates and acquisition costs.

Home market sales and profits of tobacco were buoyant as a result of the trade buying record volumes ahead of the Budget. Export sales showed good growth. Overseas tobacco subsidiaries' trading profits were up 9 p.c.

Allebone & Sons

BACKED by a jump in full year pre-tax profits from £404,000 to a fresh peak of £750,000, aided by a £304,000 (£97,000) contribution from property disposals, Allebone and Sons is raising some £1·575m with a rights issue.

It is on the basis of one 8·75 p.c. convertible cumulative redeemable preference at par for every five Ordinary. The preference, which at the issue price offer a return equivalent to 12·5 p.c. gross for a standard rate tax payer, will be convertible annually from 1988 to 1998 on the basis of one new Ordinary for every 60p nominal of convertible preference share capital.

So far this footwear maker and retailer has financed the modernisation and expansion of its retailing business from funds released by its 1981-82 restructuring, and the rights cash will go to assist in financing the growth envisaged in the future.

Meantime a 1·25p final on June 4 gives holders 1·5p (1p) from earnings of 7·3p (5·1p).

A P V Holdings

FULL accounts of A P V Holdings where there were top management changes last July, and which recently weighed in with 1984 pre-tax profits down from £18·3m to £8·61m, show under directors fees a £149,000 (nil) compensation for loss of office and £271,000 (nil) provision for pension in respect of overseas director on retirement as executive.

The chairman Sir Ronald McIntosh, says order intake in the first quarter remains encouraging and at more satisfactory margins than were generally applicable in 1983 and 1984.

Cosalt

COSALT, which returned to profit in the second half of 1983-84 with £871,000 pre-tax, has continued to progress for it has weighed in with £249,000 for the opening half against a deficit of £155,000.

This gives it earnings of 2·27p compared with losses of 1·89p and accordingly dividend restoration goes on with a 0·75p (0·25p) interim on September 5.

The mainstay ships' chandlery division again produced good results while the measures taken to improve the caravan side, which lost £565,000 in 1983-84, have now begun to take effect.

Cosalt Caravans has returned to profitability and Cosalt Holiday Homes is well on the way towards an improved performance.

Hartons Group

FOLLOWING a record year, which saw the successful conclusion to the offer for Elson & Robbins and the move to a full listing, Hartons Group is effectively increasing the dividend total by 31·3 p.c. to 1·155p (0·76p) with an 0·77p final on July 2.

Pre-tax profits for 1984 are ahead from £1·35m to £1·65m, thanks mainly to the plastics distribution side.

Results exclude Elson & Robbins group which made £915,000 pre-tax in the 15 months to Dec. 31.

The current half-year will reflect the costs associated with the reorganisation of the consumer products division. The board is confident, however, that 1985 will be another year of progress.

J J and D Frost

J J AND D FROST, the petrol retailing and financial services group, has had another record year with its pre-tax profits on from £851,000 to £1·04m. It would have been even better but for a loss of revenue in Look Service Stations as a result of a lease terms dispute with Elf Oil.

It says the cost to shareholders of this dispute included in these figures for five months was about £250,000. It puts it at around £200,000 for this year up to the rent review date.

This date has now arrived and the company have been advised that the lease terms should be reduced by around £1m a year.

Expansion on the petroleum side has continued with 15 new sites acquired last year and a further 20 anticipated for 1985.

The final dividend is 2p on July 5 making 3·5p (2·5p) from earnings of 7·17p (6·66p).

OK Bazaars

THE full effects of the downturn in the South African economy have been clearly demonstrated by that country's largest retail chain O.K. Bazaars for pre-tax profits have fallen from R39·5m to R25·5m in 1984-85 and the final dividend is being cut from 75 cents to 27 cents on July 5 for a 60 cents (108 cents) total.

Earnings were 100 cents (181 cents). The group says earnings in the first half of the current year will be "well below" the level of the previous year due to the anticipated further slide in consumer spending. It adds, however, that barring any further deterioration in the economy or any new consumer restraints it should be possible to produce similar earnings to last year.

PSM

SPECIALISED industrial fasteners concern PSM International, which obtained a full market quote in November, has easily beaten its prospectus forecast of £2·4m with full year pre-tax profits of £2·55m against £1·05m.

Turnover increased from £11·5m to £14·1m. As indicated, there is a maiden dividend of 3·15p on June 17 from earnings of 14·5p (6·4p).

The board says the current year has been encouraging in most sectors of the group's activities. The marked reduction in demand for home and personal computers has affected demand for certain types of threaded inserts manufactured by the group, but there should be little effect on the current full year.

In America, however, this has coincided with the decrease in economic growth and trading here has been adjusted accordingly. Trading in Britain is proceeding satisfactorily and growth expectations in Continental Europe are being exceeded.

Roberts, Adlard

ROBERTS, Adlard has, as it anticipated midway, failed to match 1983's record pre-tax profits of £1·19m with a final full-year out-turn of £1·17m, and trading in the early part of 1985, had been badly affected by the appalling weather conditions which hit the whole of the building and construction industry.

The current months are showing an improvement, but it is too early to make any informed forecast, the board says.

Earnings, meanwhile, come out at 13·75p (14·12p) and the dividend stays at 6p with a 4p final on July 1. Total cost of the out-of-court settlement with Milton Keynes Development Corporation, amounting to £925,000, is charged below the line.

Ropner

WITH all trading divisions contributing—particularly engineering, garden products and property—Ropner's pre-tax profits for 1984 have jumped from £5·38m to £7·97m.

Earnings come out at 17·7p against 5·9p, and a 4p final dividend makes a 6·25p (4·5p) total. Airtech ended the year with high order books and Hozelock-ASL achieved a profit increase of 90 p.c. over 1983.

In contrast with 1983, property development sales were made which produced a good profit. Insurance broking and shipping achieved improved results.

William Jacks

WILLIAM Jacks, the overseas trader and motor retailer which raised £1·5m with a one-for-one rights issue in December, has weighed in with pre-tax profits of £415,000 in the 12 months ended January compared with £350,000 for the preceding 13 month period.

Turnover was £22·9m (£21·9m 13 months). There is a final dividend of 0·5p on July 29 which—as foreshadowed — will be payable on the old capital making a total of 1p (0·7p). Earnings came out at 3·59p (3·06p adjusted).

IN BRIEF

Windsor Securities (Holdings): First half pre-tax profit £108,000 (£84,000). Turnover £547,000 (£550,000). Eps 0·8p (1·1p). Interim dividend 0·35p (0·5p) payable June 21. Financial resources strong, actively seeking suitable acquisitions.

London Entertainments: First half p/t profit £170,500 (£481,000). Eps 3·04p (9·12p). No interim dividend (same). Company continues with theatrical ventures but no surplus has accrued in the half-year.

North Atlantic Securities: Interim dividend 1p (same) payable June 21.

Triefus and Co: Full year p/t loss £214,000 (loss £1·14m) after first half deficit of £195,000. Turnover £21·97m (£29·6m). LPS 11·17p (LPS 29·58p). Div again 0·05p, pay July 9. Management reports for first three months are encouraging.

F. and W. Maclellan: Full year p t pft £531,000 (£412,000). Turnover £9·68m (£7·68m). EPS 4·9p (3p). Final div 1·1p, making 1·7p (1·6p). All divisions currently trading well in advance of 1984 in both sales and profit.

K Shoes (C. & J. Clark subsidiary): Planning to repay early the outstanding 6½ p.c. debenture stock 1984-89 at par plus interest accrued and asking holders of 7½ p.c. debenture 1986-91 to consider early repayment at £98 plus interest accrued.

Lowland Investment Co.: First half p t pft £421,000 (£504,000). EPS 5·68p (2·66p). NAV, prior charges at par, 280·8p (228·1p). Int div 3·12p, pay June 19. Two-for-one scrip. Board expects at least to maintain final.

S. Lyles: First half p t pft £214,000 (£209,000). Turnover £6·49m (£8·3m). EPS 2·81p (3·05p). Int div again 2·3p, pay June 3.

Thomson T-Line: Full year p t loss £239,400 (loss £145,400). Turnover £2·08m (£1·8m). LPS 12·72p (LPS 9·2p). Again no dividend.

H. C. Slingsby: Full year p t pft £264,000 (£106,000). Turnover £4·92m (£5·91m). EPS 24·7p (7·9p). Final div 2·6p, pay July 5, making 3·6p (2·4p).

BIDS AND DEALS

JRH buys more Tootal

J. ROTHSCHILD Holdings has continued to buy Tootal shares well after the collapse of Entrad's £128·5 million bid for the textile group. It now has a 9·1 p.c. holding after picking up an additional 1·6 million (0·9 p.c.).

The investment house denied it was acting for anyone else in its buying of Tootal shares and said it was not out to frustrate the Entrad deal.

J. Rothschild' interest has helped to keep up the Tootal share price which was 75p yesterday compared with Entrad's 72½p bid.

Argyle Trust

ARGYLE TRUST is to sell its remaining portfolio of investment properties to Driveview, a dealing subsidiary of Weber Holdngs, for £5·6m cash. The properties, which contributed £21,000 to group profits in 1984, had a book value at end-Dec. of £5·49m. Proceeds will be used to increase capital employed and reduce debt.

Fraser-Alfayed

ACCEPTANCES of the preference offers by Alfrayed Investment Trust (U.K.) have been received as follows: the 3·15 p.c. preference offer—250,450 shares (71·6 p.c.); 5·85 p.c. offer—13,479 (50·2 p.c.); and 5·25 p.c. offer 241,154 (66·9 p.c.). The offers have been extended until 3 p.m. on May 15.

Raine Industries has acquired **Derbyshire Builders** for £650,000, to be satisfied by 2·17m Ordinary shares and £260,000 cash. Derbyshire's balance sheet worth at end Dec. was £585,000 and pre-tax profits for the year £33,200.

CHAIRMEN

Thomas Robinson & Son—Philip White: All group companies improved their performance during year and, providing this continues, expect to resume Ordinary dividends.

James Neill Holdings — Hugh Neill: I regard the prospects for 1985 as being good.

Moss Bros—Montague Moss: Year has started reasonably well with current trading in line with expectations.

Boosey & Hawkes — Ashley Raeburn: Music publishing continues strong and, provided there are no substantial unforeseen developments in our musical instrument activities, 1985 should see a better result.

Aldcom International — Pratt Thompson: Outlook for current year is one of continued growth.

Clayton Son & Co (Holdings)—Stanley Thomson: Order books healthier than for some time which should result in active workshops throughout the year.

NEW ISSUES

Car parts group to join USM

CHARLIE BROWN Car Parts Centres, a west-Yorkshire based chain of 55 retail outlets, is to join the USM later next month.

Some 25 p.c. of the business is to be placed to give a market valuation of £5·5m. Annual sales are £15m.

Cannon Street

THE OFFER for sale of 537,700 convertible preference shares of £1 each in Cannon Street Investments at 100p a share has been twice oversubscribed.

Applications received amounted to 577 for a total of some 1·6m shares on offer. Applications for between one to 6,574 shares are allotted in full; 6,575 to 9,999—6,575; 10,000 and above—7,800.

Clayform Properties

THE Samuel Montagu offer for sale of 2·55m Ordinary shares in Clayform Properties at 165p a share was oversubscribed when application lists closed at 10·01 a.m. yesterday. The basis of allocation will be announced as soon as possible.

ICI appeals on tax rule

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries yesterday took its battle to get tax parity with Shell, Esso and British Petroleum on ethane gas for petrochemical feedstocks a stage further when it lodged an appeal against a High Court judgment.

The move follows the decision by Mr Justice Woolf not to make an order which would scrap the tax relief agreed by the Inland Revenue for the three companies.

He ruled in January that the Revenue had acted illegally in the way the tax had been assessed but almost a month ago he refused to make an order which would have made the concessions invalid from the day they started.

ICI said that the decision had left the company with a moral victory but no effective remedy in law. A spokesman said the company decided to appeal because it is determined to seek a remedy to a situation which could allow its competitors to "enjoy an unfair and unlawful tax advtnage."

It is appealing on five points, arguing that the judgment should have been retrospective and that the tax valuation should have been declared State aid and not just unlawful.

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Dividend of 20%

"...a total of 19.78p per share ...represents an increase of 20% over the dividend for 1983."

New business success

"Single premiums received were well up and it was particularly gratifying that our new annual premium business showed an increase of 3% over 1983, a year which itself recorded an exceptionally high increase."

Pensions opportunities

"...I would like to emphasise the importance the Government is placing on portable pensions and the unrivalled position of Life Offices to provide appropriate schemes... We are confident that we have the expertise and shall have the products to meet the challenges and opportunities..."

New developments

"...a unit trust management operation...will be launched in May of this year. Further work is in hand to expand our investment management services..."

"The development of the direct sales organisation has been a great success."

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Sir Peter Parker, *Chairman*

Summary of Results

	1984 £000	1983 £000
Sales	124,171	131,470
Profit (Loss) before taxation	2,735	(12,827)
Earnings (Loss) per Ordinary Share before extraordinary items	7.70p	(60.46)p

ROCKWARE GROUP plc

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

A drubbing for composites

IF THE FIRST quarter of last year was poor for the insurance business, just wait until results for the first three months of 1985 are published. The start of 1984 will appear, in retrospect, to have been a golden age.

The much vaunted upturn in the insurance cycle has been running for nine months or so, but has so far had no impact on trading results. Nor will it do so until the third quarter of this year at the earliest.

In the meantime, profitability is being eroded by poor weather, increased claims frequency, disastrous fires and mounting court awards.

So what's new? Only the scale of losses. Royal Insurance, which is the first to weigh in with 1985 results next week, is set to report a deficit for the quarter of anything up to £50 million pre-tax.

Royal's world is one of unremitting gloom. In the United Kingdom it was the weather. In Canada, it more than likely needed to strengthen its reserves. Australia had expensive weather and the United States is seeing a rising level of claims frequency on a quarter that is traditionally difficult.

Losses of the magnitude of £50 million—and precise estimates are made difficult because of the uncertainty over the degree of reserve strengthening which may be necessary—will look dreadful against the £20 million of the same 1984 quarter.

C U is likely to report trebled losses for the period. It has all the same problems as Royal, with the additional handicap of a United States business which is contracting and so generating less investment income. Its home experience has, however, been less beaten by the weather.

General Accident shocked the market a year ago with a first quarter loss of £16 million before tax, but this year the figure is likely to be just as bad—or worse.

In other words, shares of the sector leaders which have has a good run since last November could suffer an acute bout of nerves over the next few weeks.

Longer term, the recovery potential is intact but it will be 1986 or even 1987 before that recovery filters through to the bottom line.

Nervous holders should bail out now, and buyers for recovery should stay their hand.

Tarmac a worthy quarry

NOBODY should be put off Tarmac just because 1985 made a slow start. Consider instead how well it came through 1984, how neat (and profitable) its move into the United States is proving, and buy.

Acquisitions costing £150 million in the year ended December certainly made a contribution to the 1984 outcome (£12 million pre-interest), but even without these there was a broad advance on all fronts save one, and group pre-tax profit at £109·6 million against £89·6 million was at the top end of market expectations.

The impact of a £229 million development programme boosted net borrowings and interest paid, but gearing at 29 p.c. should ease following a revaluation and the flotation of its oil and gas subsidiary Plascom.

At the operating level quarry products advanced from £50·6 million to £67 million—and will rise faster this year as the American Lone Star acquisition is already covering financing costs.

Within the housing division profits were 50·6 p.c. higher on a 22p.c. improved turnover. After new home sales of 7,100 in 1984 against 6,200 this year's plan is 8,000 with targets of between 10,000 and 12,000 earmarked for later.

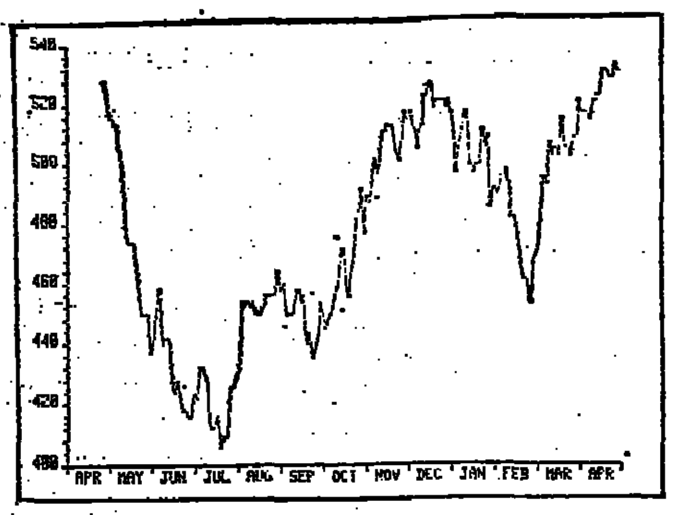
Construction came through a competitive year with improved margins, and building products turned in £12·5 million against £9·2 million.

Quarry products and housing are the growth areas this year, and the element of United States earnings should counterbalance any cyclical pause in the home markets.

Tarmac's one soft area last year was its oil and industrial division which saw a full year's contribution from the 0·25 p.c. interest in the B P Forties oil field. But the downturn was modest and due solely to sterling/dollar movements.

Given its solid earnings base Tarmac should easily clear £130 million pre-tax this year, if not £135 million. Profits have quadrupled over the past six years.

At 548p up 16p the prospective price earnings ratio is 9·4—a premium rating within the sector, but justified.



Source: Datastream.

The share price history of Tarmac over the past year.

Farnell rates a solid hold

FARNELL Electronics suffered start-up problems on a manufacturing facility in the first half and a sharp downturn in demand in the second yet it has emerged from the 53 week period to February 3 with its growth record intact. Pre-tax profits have expanded from £15·8 million to £20·3 million.

The growing rate, however, is easing. After a 50 p.c. pre-tax gain for the whole of 1983-84 profits growth slowed through 29 p.c. in the first half of last year to 19 p.c. in the second.

Given that Farnell is one of the largest catalogue suppliers of electronic components in the country its own experiences can usually be taken as a barometer for the whole electronics industry and the signs are clear that it is slowing down.

For Farnell that is a bigger problem than for most others and since it is already operating on just about the largest profits margins of the electronics supply sector it has little room for further significant improvement.

But its management has always been keen to buck any downward trend — witness a profits record which sports only one small hiccup in eleven years, and that was ten years ago.

Sales growth in the opening quarter of the current year is running at a low level in both of the key operations but the company must still be a safe bet to achieve a reasonable profits increase, perhaps 16 p.c. to around £23 million.

At 195p the shares are rated on an earnings multiple of 17·5 times which looks fairly full for the short term, but considering the management ability and the cash rich balance sheet—£14 million currently—the shares are one of the most solid holds in the sector.

Quite a lot to Rush & Tomkins

RUSH & Tomkins is a hybrid and the shame about all hybrid companies is that they tend to be rated as to the value of the least of their interests.

In Rush & Tomkins' case that is its construction division and this is still viewed cautiously despite the fact that it has now been reduced to less than half of the overall business.

The property side has several encouraging elements not least of which is the huge Aldersgate office development which could when completed add a further 40p a share to the asset value.

Also the company is rapidly expanding its property interest into North America with a large campus development in Princeton, New Jersey, plus interests in two joint ventures in California.

Assets are currently worth around 377p per share and there are some analysts who believe that could rise to almost £5 a share over the next 18 months as the present developments are completed. That makes the shares at 246p appear an obvious snip on any criteria applying to property companies.

But that view is balanced by a disappointing pre-tax level. Profits for the year to December 31 are virtually unchanged at £3·05 million against £2·9 million which represents a poor return on turnover of £117·8 million, as well as on shareholders funds of £44 million.

In fact but for the common property practice of rolling part of the interest charge (£2·1 million) onto property costs, profits would have been even more modest.

If the company ever wins full recognition as a property group its asset backing should provide a spur to the share price but while it is rated as a combination property/construction company its low return on capital investment will continue to restrict the shares.

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Summary of results for the year-ended 31st December 1984

- satisfactory performance in a difficult environment
- positive market reaction to new products
- future viewed with cautious optimism

	1984 £000s	1983 £000s
Turnover	**42,783**	31,965
Profit before Taxation	**2,241**	1,334
Taxation	**163**	147
Profit after Taxation	**2,078**	1,187
Extraordinary loss	**394**	—
Profit attributable to shareholders	**1,684**	1,187
Earnings per share	**23.4p**	19.7p
Dividend per share	**1.8p**	—

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

Sterling improves

THE pound gained more than a cent against the dollar yesterday as the American currency see-sawed on foreign exchange markets. The pound closed in London at $1·2415 against $1·2297 overnight.

Sterling also did well against rivals like the mark, rising from 3·8290 to 3·8462 against the German currency. The sterling index thus improved from 77·6 to 78·1.

Figures from America on the trend of the economy were worse than generally expected but failed to trigger widespread selling of dollars.

The cost of period funds in London's wholesale money markets were unchanged, with the key three-month interbank rate holding steady at 12¾ p.c.

The Bank of England once again had to provide massive assistance to the banking system against liquidity shortages estimated at £1·6 billion.

Yearlings up

INTEREST rates in the local authority yearling bond market are up this week by 7/16 from 11⅝ p.c. to 12 1/16 p.c. The issues are again all at par and borrowers include City of Swansea and Fife Regional Council (£1m each); and Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive and Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council (£500,000 each).

THE POUND ABROAD

	30-4-85	Prev. close
Austria	26.87–27.07	26.79–.89
Belgium*	77.10–.48	76.97–77.18
Canada	1.6926–.6999	1.6800–.6846
Denmark	13.9040–.9540	13.8195–.8499
France	11.8840–.7782	11.8618–.8883
Germany W	3.8397–.8527	3.8225–.8308
Holland	4.3542–.3671	4.3180–.3294
Ireland	1.2180–.2210	1.2135–.2195
Italy	2464.08–2468.72	2436.87–2448.46
Japan	312.24–313.24	310.63–311.30
Norway	11.0948–.1293	11.0102–.0359
Portugal	214.25–217.88	214.35–218.50
Spain	214.99–215.88	214.12–.89
Sweden	11.1683–.2257	11.0747–.1005
Switzerland	3.2119–.2321	3.2102–.2178
Utd. States	1.2400–.2450	1.2290–.2308

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 78.2 (77.6) CLOSE 78.1 (77.6) (Base 1975 = 100)

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	14½–12½ Gr. pm	38½–36½ Gr. pm
Belgium	25–18 c.pm	59–50 c.pm
Canada	0.47–0.39 c.pm	1.10–1.00 c.pm
Denmark	4⅝–3⅝ Ore pm	10½–9 Ore pm
France	2⅛–1¾ c.pm	6¼–5¾ c.pm
Germany W	2⅜–2⅛ Pfg.pm	6½–6¼ Pfg.pm
Holland	2¼–1⅞ c.pm	6–5⅝ c.pm
Italy	2 Lr.pm–1 Lr.dis	2–6 Lire dis
Japan	1⅜–1⅛ Yen pm	5–4⅝ Yen pm
Norway	Par–⅞ Ore dis	⅞–1¾ Ore dis
Portugal	135–615 c.dis	480–1465 c.dis
Spain	Par–20 c.dis	75–115 c.dis
Sweden	⅝–1¼ Ore dis	3¼–4 Ore dis
Switzerland	2⅛–1⅞ c.pm	6–5⅝ c.pm
Utd. States	0.46–0.44 c.pm	1.20–1.16 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $324·65 — 2nd Fix $321·25
Close $321·00 ($322·50)
Sterling Equiv. £258·55 (£263·07)

KRUGERRANDS*

£265·00–£310·50 (£266·00–£315·95)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£232·80–£235·50 (£234·60–£237·30)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£59·20–£76·15 (£60·6–£77·74)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 562.64–563.93
Australia	A$1.9260–1.9320
Brazil	Cruzeiro 6175.20–6210.06
Cyprus	C£0.7858–0.7911
Finland	Markka 8.0012–8.0154
Greece	Drachma 167.74–171.40
Hong Kong	HK$9.6420–9.6520
India	Rupee 15.2905
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3863–0.3882
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3735–0.3775
Malaysia	Ringgit 3.0700–3.0800
Saudi Arabia	Riyal 4.4670–4.5070
Singapore	S$2.7550–2.7630
South Africa	Rand 2.4009–2.4218
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.5485–4.5685

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	30-4-85	Prev. close
France	9.4280	9.5100
Germany	3.0960	3.1115
Switzerland	2.6000	2.6135
Japan	251.60	252.60
Trade weighted ave.	146.70	147.30

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS: 7 days 8½–8⅜; 1 month 8⅝–8½; 3 months 8⅞–8¾; 6 months 8⁵⁄₁₆–8⅛
MARKS: 7 days 5¼–5⅛; 1 month 5¾–5⅝; 3 months 6⅛–6; 6 months 5⅞–6
SWISS FRANCS: 7 days 2½–2¼; 1 month 4⅞–5¹⁄₁₆; 3 months 5⅝–5⁵⁄₁₆; 6 months 5⅝–5⁵⁄₁₆

MONEY MARKET RATES

(per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 12½–12¾ (April 19)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 13½ pc (May)
DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 10–12¾
INTERBANK: Overnight 12⅜–13; 7 days 12⅜–13; 1 month 12¹³⁄₁₆–12⅞; 3 months 12⅝–12¾; 6 months 12⅜–12½
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS: Two days 12⅜; Seven days 12⅞; One month 12¾; Three months 12¾
BANK BILLS: 1 month 12¼–12⁹⁄₃₂; 3 months 11²⁹⁄₃₂–12; 6 months 11⁷⁄₁₆–11⁹⁄₁₆
TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 12⁵⁄₁₆–12⁹⁄₁₆; 2 months 12¹⁄₁₆–12⅛; 3 months 11⅞–12
STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 12¾–12⅞; 3 months 12⅝–12⅞; 1 year 11¾–11⅞
DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 8.30–8.40; 3 months 8.55–8.65; 1 year 9.65–9.75

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Over-the-Counter Market

1984-85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yd %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
144	125	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	144	+1	6·6	4·4	8·0	9·5
151	125	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	149	—	10·0	6·7	—	—
77	51	Airsprung Group	55	—	6·4	11·6	6·1	7·2
42	26	Armitage & Rhodes	34	—	2·9	8·5	4·2	7·0
145	106	Bardon Hill	142	—	3·4	2·4	14·5	23·8
58	42	Bray Technologies	51xd	—	3·9	7·6	6·2	7·2
201	170	CCL Ordinary	170	—	12·0	7·1	—	—
132	110	CCL 11pc Conv. Pref	110	—	15·7	15·8	—	—
1300	100	Carborundum Ord.	1185xd	—	49·0	4·1	5·9	9·2
88	84	Carborundum 7·5% Pref.	88	—	10·7	12·2	—	—
73	43	Deborah Services	49	—	6·5	15·3	4·7	7·5
316	102	Frank Horsell	316	—	—	—	12·7	16·6
768	170	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	240	—	9·6	3·7	10·4	15·7
32	25	Frederick Parker	28	—	—	—	—	—
58	35	George Blair	57	—	—	—	3·8	7·7
50	21	Ind. Precision Castings	21	—1	2·7	12·9	5·8	6·2
218	136	Isis Group	187	—	15·0	8·0	7·4	13·5
124	101	Jackson Group	105	—	4·9	4·7	4·9	8·5
285	213	James Burrough	240	—2	15·7	5·7	8·5	8·5
95	63	James Burrough 9% Pref.	56	+2	12·9	14·7	—	—
87	71	John Howard & Company	85xd	—	5·0	5·9	6·7	10·6
219	100	Linguaphone Ord.	219	+2	—	—	8·0	8·4
100	93	Linguaphone 10·5% Pref.	97	—	15·0	15·3	—	—
620	500	Minihouse Holding N.V.	650	—	3·8	0·6	46·8	51·2
120	31	Robert Jenkins	51	+1	5·0	9·8	—	—
60	33	Scruttons "A"	34	—	5·7	16·8	17·9	4·1
92	61	Torday & Carlisle	76	—	—	—	8·2	17·3
444	330	Treviah Holdings	350	—	4·3	1·5	18·8	18·4
30	17	Unilock Holdings	50	—	1·5	4·3	14·6	21·0
91	31	Walter Alexander	96	—	7·5	7·8	9·5	11·6
247	216	W. S. Yeates	220	—	17·4	7·9	6·3	10·8

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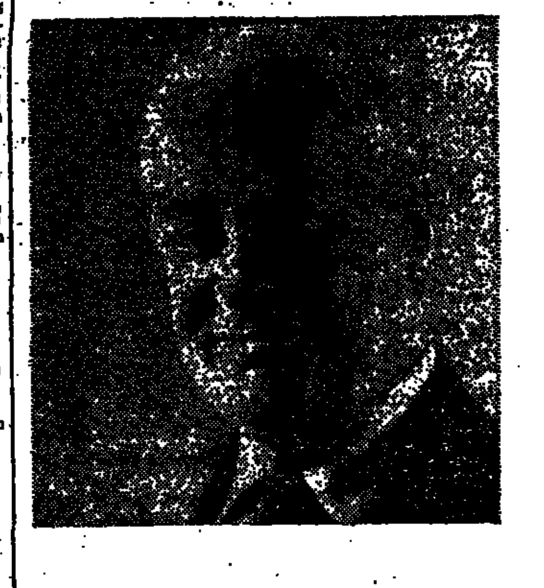
HongkongBank group 1984

Profits rise by four per cent to another record



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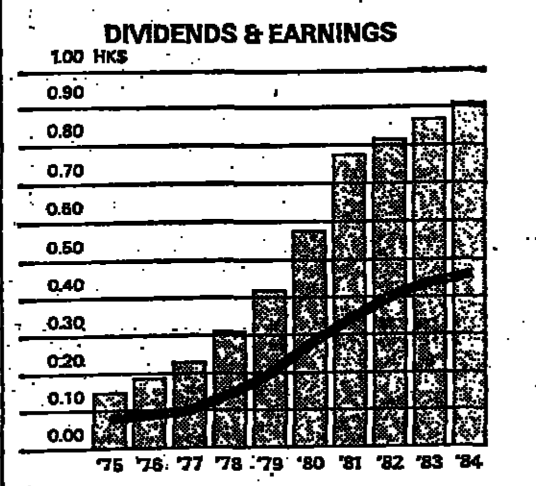
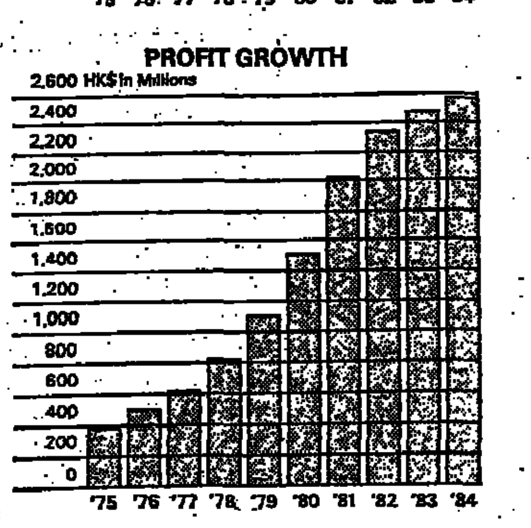
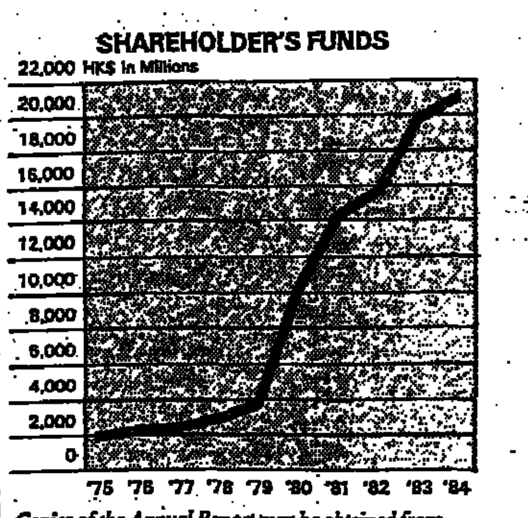
M G R Sandberg, CBE, Chairman







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Results for 1984
In a broadly successful year group profits worldwide increased by 4 per cent to HK$2,591 million. The factors which reduced the rate of growth below that of recent years should not be long-lived and the prospects for 1985 are encouraging.

Strength of the Hong Kong dollar
During 1984 the Hong Kong dollar maintained its parity with the US dollar despite the latter's massive rise in value. One side effect of this was to reduce the apparent benefit of earnings remitted in other currencies.

Outlook for Hong Kong
The Sino-British agreement signed in December has resolved Hong Kong's future, assuring continuity in its present economic lifestyle for a further 50 years beyond 1997. The territory has much to contribute to China as it pursues the Four Modernisations programme, through trade, investment, expertise and the modern infrastructure Hong Kong provides for international business.

Trade with China
During 1984 the Bank enlarged its range of services within China. It now has five offices in the country, with a sixth to open shortly, and the scale of the Area Office China at headquarters is being increased.

Main Results

	1984 HK$ m	1983 HK$ m	1984 £m
Total Group profit	3,375	3,232	371
Attributable Group profit	2,591	2,492	285
Total dividend distribution	1,316	1,258	145
Shareholders' funds	20,863	19,586	2,296
Total deposits	422,403	411,280	46,479
Total assets	481,607	470,315	52,994
Earnings per share	HK$0.91	HK$0.87	10.0p
Dividends per share	HK$0.46	HK$0.44	0.5p
Total number of shares in issue	2,859,867,220	2,287,893,776	

Australia
The initiative taken by the Bank during 1984 to obtain a banking licence in Australia bore fruit early in the present year when it was one of 16 leading international banks to be given the go-ahead by the Australian Government.

International Capital Markets
During 1984 the Bank acquired the largest permissible share of leading UK stockbroker James Capel. Together with acquisition by Marine Midland of New York brokerage company CM & M, the Bank's own merchant banking arm Wardley, and a link with Australian stockbroker Rene Rivkin, foundations are in place for a worldwide presence in the rapidly developing capital markets sector.

Banking Technology
The Bank designed a clearing system for Hong Kong – CHATS – launched on 8 February 1984, one day ahead of the broadly comparable CHAPS system in London and won a contract to adapt the same technology for Singapore. The Bank's networks of automated teller machines expanded in several countries. In Hong Kong a company was formed to develop a standardised system of electronic funds transfer at point of sale: a pilot trial is planned in the spring of 1985.

Financial Highlights

- ☐ **A one-for-ten bonus issue is being recommended.**
- ☐ **Profitability in 1985 is expected to allow the maintenance of at least the same dividend, of HK$0.46 per share, on the increased capital as proposed – an increase in distribution of not less than 10 per cent.**
- ☐ **Profits of Hang Seng Bank rose to HK$831.6 million.**
- ☐ **Profits of Marine Midland rose to US$106.5 million.**
- ☐ **Profits of The British Bank of the Middle East rose to £28.9 million.**
- ☐ **Profits of Grenville Transportation Holdings rose to HK$387.7 million.**

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1-3 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4 01-236 1533

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
139·8	121·2	Amer. Grth	128·5	136·7
55·1	49·6	Asian Pacific	49·1	52·3
112·9	107·1	General	103·8	111·0
76·9	71·6	High Inc. Eq.	71·1	75·6
207·5	160·5	Japan	161·1	214·5
67·2	53·5	U.S. Em. Co.	51·4	58·2
118·6	112·5	Gilt & Fix. Int	110·5	116·7
175·0	151·1	Wldwide Bd	145·8	155·1

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MNGMT) LTD.
30 City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-628 6626

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
35·6	30·0	Small Co's Fd	30·3	32·4
152·2	127·5	Pacific Fund	127·4	136·2
465·2	431·3	Exempt Fund	436·5	462·4
182·0	163·6	Special Sits. Fd.	165·1	177·2
42·0	37·5	Enl'pr &Res Fd	39·2	41·9
69·6	57·6	Am. Minors Fd	57·0	61·0
52·2	50·0	Intnl. Inc. Fd.	48·6	52·0
155·4	143·1	Secure Income Fund	144·6	154·7
69·7	63·4	Japanese Tech Fund	63·3	67·7
171·1	122·0	American Tech Fund	112·1	119·9

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 211459 & 229123

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
176·7	163·0	Fire Trust	163·1	174·8
131·6	104·1	Growth & Inc'e Tst.	103·5	110·2
206·7	192·9	Capital Trust	187·6	199·8
307·6	278·0	Balanced Trust	278·0	296·7
452·0	415·5	Accumulator Fd	419·0	446·2
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ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
131·8	126·1	Anderson Grth Int'l	120·0	127·7
26·7	22·3	Anderson Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-628 9876
Dealing Dept., 01-628 9981/2/3/4

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Portfolio Trust

15·8	57·1	U.K.	60·8	65·0
[illegible]		Japan	53·5	55·4
[illegible]		U.S.	67·0	69·4
60·3	51·8	Europe	56·2	58·2

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.
[illegible]		Fund	211·6	225·1
[illegible]		Growth Fund	31·7	33·7
[illegible]		High Yield Inc. Fd.	53·8	56·2

ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
46 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL 01-638 1717

73·0	58·5	AtlantaAm Spec'l'nl	58·4	60·0
[illegible]		AtlantaCanadian Int	[illegible]	72·9
57·5	35·1	AtlantaJap Far East	45·3	46·1

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh 031-225 2581

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BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544

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BARING BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE 01-283 8833

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BARRINGTON MGMT. CO. LTD
59 Gresham Street, London EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433

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BISHOPSGATE PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT CO.
65 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DR 01-248 4080

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BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (M) (C)
Regis House, King William St., E.C.4 01-623 4951

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BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588 2777
Dealing 01-638 0478/0479

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BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
9-17 Perrymount Rd., Haywards Heath 0444 458144

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BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868

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CS FUND MANAGERS LTD
125, High Holborn, London WC1 6PY 01-242 1148

57·3	45·4	C.S.Japan Fd.	45·2	48·1

CANADA LIFE
96·7	89·2	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	89·6	94·3
147·5	135·5	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	136·4	143·6
75·3	60·8	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	60·6	63·8
126·0	116·5	Can. Life Inc. Acc.	116·5	124·7

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

265·5	245·1	Income	249·7	265·6
116·5	110·1	Far East	[illegible]	117·5
148·3	129·2	North American	119·5	127·1
234·9	213·7	Growth	218·6	232·6

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588-1815

100·0	100·0	Deposit	—	100·0
356·93	330·25	Investment	—	330·75
131·65	129·70	Fixed Int	—	131·65

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588-1815

100·0	100·0	Deposit	—	100·0
297·09	265·85	Income	—	296·47
875·35	829·60	Accumulation	—	839·15

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP 01-283 1962

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
20·8	19·5	Gilt & Fix. Int.	19·2	20·6
44·4	41·7	High Income	41·4	44·3
42·7	40·0	Inc. & Grth	39·6	42·4
39·7	35·0	Special	36·7	39·5
72·8	60·5	International	61·6	66·0
39·1	32·5	Global	31·0	33·2
52·2	44·9	American	44·8	48·0
22·8	19·9	Australian	20·2	21·7
78·4	60·8	Japan	60·4	64·6

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH (0272) 277719

31·0	28·2	General Equity	28·8	30·7
31·7	28·1	Equity High Inc	29·5	31·1
26·2	24·5	Gilt & Fixed Int Grth	24·5	26·0
26·2	21·4	Indexed Secs	23·6	25·4

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT
184·4	160·2	Growth Fund	164·5	175·1

CONTINENTAL LIFE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
64/70 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XN 0708 45322 (admin & dealing)

50·0	50·0	Growth Fd	46·8	50·0

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD
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CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW (04862) 24933

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EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh EH3 7JB 031-226 3492 (Dealers)

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EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061-236 5685

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EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377

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FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
190, West George St, Glasgow, G2 2PA 041-332 6462

240·8	180·7	Balanced Growth Fd	226·4	240·8
25·0	25·0	Services Comps. Fd.	—	25·0

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY
Dealing 0732 362222 Enquiries 0732 361144

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FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
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FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181

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FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055

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G & A TRUST
95·7	89·1	G & A	88·6	94·1

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431

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GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2-4 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212. Dealing, 01-623 5766

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JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

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GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8, Lovat Lane, EC3 8DT. 01-621 1212

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GROFUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pountney Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AL. 01-588 5317

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GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS 01-638 2020

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HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

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HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 217916

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·7	44·7	HBL Canadian	45·5	48·3
66·6	58·2	HBL Equity Income	62·0	66·0
59·6	55·6	HBL European	55·9	59·5
82·1	60·4	HBL Japan & Far E	69·4	73·8
69·5	57·5	HBL North Amer	58·3	62·0
67·6	57·1	HBL Scandinavian	55·3	58·6
90·7	78·5	HBL Smaller Co's	84·6	90·2

HERITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
52, Berkeley Square, London W1X 6EH 01-493 6021

76·7	70·5	Heritable Growth Fd	71·4	77·2
67·8	65·0	Heritable Income Fd	62·2	67·2

HESMOSS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
30/31 Friar Street, Reading, Berks RG1 1AH 0734-595517

74·5	68·5	Caversham Fund	68·4	72·8
60·4	56·5	Caversham Ex In Fd	58·2	61·5

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGRS.
45 Beech St., London EC2P 2LX 01-628 8011

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IBI FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
32, Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AB. 01-222 1000.

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33 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685

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Salter House, Old Seacoal Lane, London EC4. 01-236 6105

152·1	150·3	Capital Grth Fd	134·4	148·6

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37/41 Old Queen St., Westminster, London SW1H 9JG. 01-222 8311

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MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Courtwood House, Silver St., Head, Sheffield S1 3RD. 0742 79842

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MINSTER FUND MNGRS LTD
98·0	92·5	The Minster Fd.	91·8	95·8

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS
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MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
163 Hope St., Glasgow G2 041-221 5521

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
117·9	105·3	American Fd	101·8	108·9
119·3	105·5	Euro Fd	107·6	115·7
171·3	150·9	Smaller Co's Fd.	156·9	170·2

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
48 Gracechurch St., London EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200

171·0	152·8	Growth Tst Dis.	158·1	168·2
267·1	236·6	Growth Tst Acc.	239·2	265·2
489·1	425·5	Overseas Tst Dist.	415·3	457·3
569·3	510·2	Overseas Tst Acc.	498·1	531·1

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP
910·10	944·2	Grp Tst. Fd	922·2	970·7
100·0	100·0	Intnl Grp Tst. Fd.	95·0	100·0

OPPENHEIMER FUND MNGT LTD.
66 Cannon St., London EC4N 6AE 01-236 3855

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PEARL TRUST MANAGERS
252 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441 (Ext 4772)

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48 Hart St., Henley-on-Thames Oxon, RG9 2AZ. (0491) 576868

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Providence House, 30 Uxbridge Road, London W12 8PG. 01-749 9111.

54·1	50·0	Japan Trust	46·6	51·7
51·4	50·0	World Wide	47·7	50·5
51·3	50·0	European Trust	47·4	50·2
54·8	50·0	North American	50·0	53·0
50·2	49·3	U.K. Equity	47·2	50·0

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 01-478 3377

348·3	317·5	Prudential Unit Trust	319·5	339·6
154·3	144·0	Holborn Gilt Trust	146·2	155·0

QUILTER INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.
Bermuda House, St Julian's Avenue, St Peter Port, Guernsey CI. 0481 26268

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QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
Garrard House, Gresham St., London EC2V 7LH. 01-600 4177

345·5	304·7	Quadrant General	321·1	341·7
190·8	176·3	Quadrant Income	180·0	189·5
361·7	310·0	Quadrant Internat	312·6	329·1
221·2	195·0	Quadrant Recovery	206·6	217·4

REED STENHOUSE INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
146 Borough H'gh Street, 01-628 6071

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RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
139·9	133·0	British Life	128·1	135·5

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456

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ROWAN UNIT TST MNGT LTD.
1 Finsbury Ave., London EC2M 2PA 01-606 1066

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ROYAL LIFE FD MNGT LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422

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THE ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Royal London Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA (0206) 576115

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SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Hexagon House, 28 Western Rd. Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 66966

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SCHRODER UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Regal House, 14 James St, WC2 0705 827733

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SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Box 273, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481 28750
Schroder Portfolio Selection Fund Ltd.

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SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MANAGERS LTD.
31 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9101

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SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041-248 6100

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SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD
29 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HA 031-226 4372

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SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MANAGEMENT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000

215·0	197·0	Pegasus Equity Acc..	199·3	212·1

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201·0	187·5	Income Units	184·0	197·5
215·9	199·8	Accum. Units	198·4	212·0

STEWART UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
45, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-226 3271

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SUN ALLIANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham 0403 56293

336·6	315·7	Equity	310·5	329·8
65·5	50·6	North America	50·0	53·1
59·0	49·5	Far East	48·7	51·8

T&B UNIT TRUST
PO Box 3 Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264 62188
Dealings: 0264 63432-3

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TARGET TST MNGRS LTD
Target House, Gatehouse Rd. Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941

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TEMPLE BAR UNIT TST MNGRS
Electra House, Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 3HP. 01-836 7766

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TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Mermaid House, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 01-236 6565

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TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES COMPANY LTD
[illegible]

TYNDALL MANAGERS LIMITED
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol BS99 7UA 0272 732241

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WARBURG INVEST. MNGMT. (IOM) LTD.
65·6	62·2	Merc. Isle of Man Fd	60·7	64·6
46·4	41·6	Merc Intnl Bnd Fnd.	39·6	42·4

WARDLEY UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
7 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4HN 01-626 4411

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WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.
12 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031-225 1551

22·0	18·0	Australian Gold Fd..	19·4	20·7
27·5	19·1	Pacific Bas En Fd...	18·9	20·2

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2, Honey Lane, London, EC2V 8BT. 01-606 9085

56·8	54·7	Short Dated Gilt Fd	55·1	56·0

ANTHONY WIELER UNIT TST. MNGMT, LTD.
67·9	64·2	Growth Fd.	61·2	65·8
92·0	87·0	Growth Acc.	83·3	89·6

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Abbey Life House, 80, Holdenhurst Rd. Bournemouth, BH8 8AL. 0202 292373

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AITKEN HUME (GUERNSEY) LTD.
Berthelot House, 5 Berthelot St, St Peter Port, Guernsey, CI

13·50	8·65	Sterling Mon Inc Acc	—	12·625
11·09	8·25	Sterling Treasy Acc.	—	12·75

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station House, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts 0707-52311

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ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)
85·3	75·9	Government Sec. Tst.	74·5	78·3

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOC.
109·7	106·3	Gold Plan ean.	104·0	109·5
110·5	106·3	Gold Plan acc.	104·9	110·5

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
252, Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 01-534 5544

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BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD
187·8	173·2	Managed Fund	178·4	187·8
112·1	111·2	Property Fund	106·4	112·1

BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD.
Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. RH16 3TP. 0444 41411

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CANNON ASSURANCE LTD
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

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CITY OF EDINBURGH LIFE ASSURANCE
46, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh 031-225 1655

126·0	119·6	Ivory & Sime Bond..	113·0	119·0

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH (0272) 290566

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COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. 01-283 7500

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CONFEDERATION LIFE INS. CO.
52, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282

[illegible]

CORNHILL INSURANCE PLC
[illegible]

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CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP
Swan Court, Petersfield, Hants 0730-63281

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CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LTD.
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW. (04862) 5033

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EAGLE STAR INSURANCE MIDLAND ASSURANCE
138·1	130·5	Eagle Midland Units	130·4	135·2

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4, Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP 01-606 6611

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EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY PLC
Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377

[illegible]

FRAMLINGTON LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED
55·0	50·0	Pension Managed Fd	48·8	51·4
51·6	50·0	Pension Cash Fd	51·1	51·8

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055

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GRE LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
[illegible]

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS
98·75	87·79	Anchor Internation.	98	98·69

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible]

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE INSURANCE PLC
Valley House, Cross Brook Street, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. 0992 31971

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For Other Prices Phone 0992 31971.

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202-767655

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GRESHAM/FRAMLINGTON FUNDS
[illegible]

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
Allied Hambro Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28291

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HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY
129 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NF 01-404 0393

52·1	51·6	Property Fund	48·3	51·5
151·5	150·9	Managed Fund	145·8	153·5
120·4	117·0	Pens Managed Fund	114·3	120·4

HENDERSON UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
26 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757

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HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
NLA Tower, 12-16, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 2DR. 01-686 4355

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IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford 571255

220·7	200·7	Growth Fd.	202·3	219·9

Unit-Linked Portfolio

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Pension Fd Portfolio

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IMPERIAL LIFE (UK) LTD
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 517255.

Imperial Investment Portfolio

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IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
245·6	232·0	Global Man	230·2	242·3
509·3	479·0	Managed	465·1	489·6

KLEINWORT BENSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
20 Fenchurch St, London EC3. 01-623 8000.

Offshore Funds

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THE LAS GROUP
10 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YM. 031-225 8494

Crescent Life Assurance

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LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASSURANCE) LIMITED
2 Montefiore Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1SE. 0273 724555.

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LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT PENSIONS) LIMITED
Kingswood House, Kingswood, KT20 6EU. 07373 53456.

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LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station Rd., New Barnet, Herts EN5 1PA. 01-440 8210.

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LONDON ABERDEEN & NTHN MUTUAL ASSUR. LTD.
129, Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NF 01-404 0393

85·3	80·1	Asset Builder	80·4	[illegible]

LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP
Winslade Park, Exeter, EX5 1DS. 0392-52155.

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LONDON LIFE
100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272-279179

[illegible]

M & G. GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

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MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing 0903-204631

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MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438-356101

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MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LF. 01-686 9171

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MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
99/100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent 0622 679351

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NEL PENSIONS LTD
[illegible]

NPI PENSIONS MANAGEMENT LTD
585·0	553·8	Managed Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]

Prices at April 1. Next dealing day May 1

NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE
5 Bow Churchyard, off Cheapside, London EC4M 9DH 01-236 1566

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NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
48, Gracechurch St, London EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200

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Pension Fund Prices

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NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP
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UNIT TRUST PRICES

PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Phoenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ 0272 294941

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Life Assurance Funds		
300-8	284-5	Wealth Ass	296-9	302-1
		Pension Plan Funds		
		Phoenix		
103-9	98-9	UK Equity Acc	97-9	103-0
104-0	99-5	International Acc	98-3	96-1
103-0	100-0	Property Acc	97-9	103-0
102-8	100-0	Fixed Interest Acc	100-1	105-5
103-8	100-0	Money Acc	97-7	102-8
102-2	99-4	Build Soc. Link Acc	97-8	103-0
		Special Managd. Acc.	96-7	101-7
		Phoenix/Framlington		
105-6	97-0	Intnl. Grth. Acc	92-9	97-7
105-3	94-1	American & Gen Acc	92-8	97-0
109-5	100-0	Capital Tst. Acc	104-1	109-5
110-4	91-1	Japan & Gen. Acc	92-3	97-1
106-2	98-5	American Trst. Acc	96-2	98-8
111-0	100-0	Recovery Tst. Acc	96-8	101-8
106-2	98-9	Special Managd. Acc	96-9	101-9
		Phoenix/GT		
106-5	93-1	International Acc	91-3	96-1
109-5	96-1	U.S. & General Acc	93-3	98-2
107-3	94-1	Technol. & Grth. Acc	91-6	96-9
108-2	98-7	Japan & General Acc	93-5	98-3
100-0	95-1	Far East & Gen. Acc	93-0	97-6
109-8	98-3	UK Capital Acc	102-8	108-3
109-3	98-1	European Acc	92-5	97-3
103-3	98-8	Special Managd. Acc	93-6	98-5

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6HQ 0702 335433

298-8	258-6	Fiex. Mon Bnd Fd.	261-1	—
112-3	100-0	Int Man Dir Bnd F.	109-1	—
108-4	100-0	Tower Managd Inv Fd	100-0	—

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Lon House, Croydon, CR9 1LU 01-680 6686

299-8	281-3	Property Fund	281-3	—
281-0	280-0	Property Fund (A)	281-0	—
1143-0	1143	Managed Fund	1045-7	—
1129-0	1121-29	Agric. Fund (A)	1030-7	—
242-3	233-7	Abbey Nat. Fund	240-2	—
258-9	251-4	Abbey Nat Fd. (A)	258-6	—
161-7	155-1	Investment Fund	158-1	—
158-1	151-8	Investment Fd. (A)	154-9	—
558-8	532-0	Equity Fund	549-1	—
545-3	511-2	Equity Fund (A)	536-9	—
248-8	236-0	Money Fund	242-3	—
236-5	231-0	Money Fund (A)	236-9	—
259-5	243-3	Actuarial Fund	258-5	—
206-1	195-7	Gilt-Edged Fund	205-1	—
206-1	196-7	Gilt Edged Fd. (A)	205-1	—
397-5	393-7	Retire Annuity	397-5	—
156-8	150-5	Immediate Ann'ty	156-0	—
216-8	205-5	International Fund	208-8	—
216-8	200-6	Interns. Fd (A)	208-8	—
118-1	114-8	Bld. Soc Life Fd	116-1	—

Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.

340-7	326-8	All W'thr. Acc Uts	324-5	340-7
267-0	256-1	Int. Fd. Uts	249-7	—
283-1	269-4	Pension Fd. Uts	265-1	—
267-0	241-1	Cnv. Pns. Fd	257-0	—
252-8	244-5	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ut	252-8	—
426-9	405-9	Man. Pens. Fd	421-7	—
419-4	393-8	Man. Pens. Cap. Ut	411-6	—
324-0	312-5	Prop. Pens. Fd	324-0	—
234-2	227-3	Prop. Pens. Cap. Ut	232-2	—
302-6	292-3	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ut	302-6	—
221-4	204-6	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ut	221-4	—
192-7	188-2	Gilts Pens. Fd	191-1	—
160-0	152-8	Gilt Pens. Fd. Cap	158-5	—
352-2	330-0	Equity Pens. Fd	349-0	—
285-3	277-0	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	282-8	—
128-9	115-3	Intl Pens. Fd	126-1	—
123-4	111-8	Intl. Pens. Fd. Cap	116-6	—

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

137-2	130-3	Equity	129-1	136-2
105-0	97-5	Fixed Interest	97-2	102-0
100-0	92-7	International	99-8	94-8
115-1	106-4	Managed	102-5	108-1
143-7	139-1	Property	138-2	143-7
87-8	72-5	Special Market	71-5	75-5

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
266 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP 01-247 3200

616-1	601-0	Unit	597-3	627-2
129-9	122-0	Equity	121-9	128-0
117-3	109-0	Fixed Interest	111-1	116-7
111-7	110-0	Property	105-8	111-1
118-3	111-0	Index-Linked	109-1	114-6
110-5	108-0	Deposit	105-2	110-5
130-3	122-0	Pens.on Mixed Ord	122-5	128-6

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PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 733888

171-3	162-7	Managed Ord	161-5	170-0
158-0	151-2	Managed Init	149-5	156-6
211-5	195-4	Equity Ord	200-3	210-7
195-3	181-6	Equity Init	184-1	193-5
112-4	105-7	Index Lnk Gilt Ord	103-8	109-3
108-3	102-4	Index Lnk Gilt Init	99-6	104-9
168-4	164-3	O'seas Equity Ord	162-0	174-7
171-2	152-6	O'seas Equity Init	152-6	160-6
123-1	120-6	Property Ord	119-9	125-1
113-7	112-0	Property Init	107-6	113-6
139-4	133-4	Fixed Interest Ord	132-2	139-4
129-1	117-6	Fixed Interest Init	112-4	118-3
116-3	115-6	Deposit Ord	110-5	115-5
106-9	105-6	Deposit Init	101-6	106-9
185-8	175-5	Pen Managed Ord	175-8	184-5
171-6	163-1	Pen Managed Init	161-4	169-5
235-6	215-4	Pen Equity Ord	221-1	234-8
217-5	200-0	Pen Equity Init	205-2	216-0
115-4	107-7	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Ord	106-4	113-0
111-2	104-4	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Init	102-3	107-6
203-6	174-7	Pen O'seas Equty Ord	176-0	187-4
168-2	152-3	Pen O'seas Equty Init	153-7	162-3
138-8	127-4	Pen Property Ord	126-5	130-8
120-3	118-4	Pen Property Init	114-3	120-3
133-1	132-5	Pen Fixed Int. Ord	135-7	143-3
122-4	114-3	Pen Fixed Int Init	115-6	121-7
129-3	123-5	Pen Deposit Ord	121-8	128-3
118-0	112-1	Pen Deposit Init	112-1	118-0

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Strimongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4RB 0539 23413

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
370-9	354-3	Managed Fund	344-6	363-4
407-1	389-8	Equity Fund	392-8	392-7
232-1	208-4	High Income Fund	227-7	239-2
716-0	701-0	International Fund	700-5	738-7
306-5	292-6	Special Sit'n Fund	297-9	313-7
215-6	198-2	Fixed Interest Fd	205-8	214-8
267-0	228-6	Technology Fund	227-7	231-9
254-8	222-8	Nth American Fund	244-7	258-5
248-5	221-6	Far Eastern Fund	238-6	250-9
127-6	113-3	Extra Income Fd	120-6	127-1
285-5	272-3	Man Pension Acc Fd	275-5	287-5

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD

150-0	142-0	Prudfund Man. Fd	142-1	149-1

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

196-7	186-1	Prulink Man. Fd	185-1	192-9
136-1	134-3	Prulink Cash Fd	130-9	136-4

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

182-8	177-6	Managed Fd	172-3	181-4
147-7	143-6	Property Fd	140-3	147-7

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool, L69 3HS 051-227 4422

433-7	410-7	Royal Shield Fd	405-9	429-5

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

177-4	158-1	Managed Fd	168-9	175-8
211-8	202-1	Equity Fd	199-4	209-9
136-6	125-7	Property Fd	127-5	128-4
258-7	224-3	International Fd	218-6	230-1
143-4	138-8	Gilt Fd	138-4	142-1
119-3	115-6	Money Fd	113-4	119-3
127-8	107-6	U.S. Fd	106-9	112-5
115-0	104-5	Pacific Basin Fd	105-4	106-8

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

165-1	156-0	Exempt Man. Fd	155-7	163-8
245-1	225-0	Exempt Equty Fd	228-1	239-6
189-3	179-0	Exempt Prop. Fd	179-0	188-2
286-6	264-7	Exempt Intnl. Fd	260-5	285-8
138-2	128-9	Exempt Gilt Fd	130-9	137-7
127-2	122-4	Exempt Money Fd	120-9	127-2

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

212-3	202-6	R.L. Mixed Fd	199-7	210-3
182-2	100-0	R.L. Equity Fund	96-6	101-8

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

126-2	95-7	Global Equity	95-1	98-8
319-0	301-9	Property	301-8	319-0
334-4	302-8	Balanced Inv	301-3	319-9
264-6	239-9	Gilt	239-4	253-4
62-9	59-8	Property Pension	56-6	62-8
69-3	65-0	Equity Pension	61-7	71-7
69-9	65-0	Managed Pension	65-1	69-9
81-8	74-9	Global Equity Pen	75-5	77-6

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733

230-4	170-5	American (4)	191-2	205-0
246-5	215-5	Australian	218-6	122-7
220-2	212-5	C.M Yamaichi Man (4)	212-5	226-8
196-4	180-7	Deposit (4)	186-6	198-4
626-3	500-1	Equity (4)	599-5	611-0
205-5	176-1	European (4)	190-1	203-1
276-4	246-3	Fixed Int. (4)	251-4	275
227-7	168-0	Income Inst. (4)	205-7	216-5
279-2	209-0	Income Accum. (4)	263-7	277-5
217-4	168-0	International (4)	197-7	197-6
339-9	287-1	Managed (4)	324-8	339-9
301-8	282-0	Property (4)	286-8	301-8
160-5	153-0	Singapore & Malay (4)	153-5	140-5
273-4	214-7	Smaller Co's (4)	255-7	269-1
246-0	178-6	Tokyo (4)	210-4	221-4
254-4	188-3	U.K. Equity (4)	238-8	250-4
123-8	108-6	Deposit Pension (C)	117-7	123-6
275-0	232-2	Equity Pensions (C)	245-5	258-8
230-9	186-2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	215-1	226-4
139-5	110-9	Managed Pen. (C)	128-1	135-0
109-6	95-5	Index-Lnk.Gilt P.(C)	103-2	107-5
126-5	100-0	International Pen(C)	108-4	115-1
284-0	250-9	Managed Pension (C)	259-1	272-6
287-8	241-9	Property Pen. (C)	256-7	267-9
225-6	185-7	Spec.Sit'ns Pen (C)	206-1	212-7

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041-248 2323

201-5	191-5	Managed	190-1	200-8
167-1	157-3	Fixed Interest	157-7	166-0
243-8	237-3	Equity	229-3	241-6
220-4	192-3	International	193-5	202-7
198-7	186-3	Property	181-5	189-1
115-8	109-5	Index-Lkd Gilt Fd	108-0	111-6
157-6	151-0	Exempt Man. Fd Unit	147-8	155-6
190-1	187-0	Exempt Man. Fd Ac	179-5	189-1
150-1	142-8	Exempt Fx. In. Fd. U.	141-5	149-0
188-5	170-0	Exempt Fx. In. Fd Ac	172-0	181-5
201-6	178-4	Exempt Eq'ty Fd Unit	168-5	177-6
218-8	205-2	Exempt Eq'ty Fd Acc	206-1	217-0
165-5	143-4	Exempt Intl. Fd. Unit	141-6	149-3
200-5	171-1	Exempt Intl. Fd. Acc	172-4	181-5
97-7	85-0	Exempt Prop. Fd. Unit	85-1	94-9
118-0	112-3	Exempt Prop Fd. Acc.	109-5	115-3
131-8	127-8	Cash Fund	124-4	131-8
116-8	111-6	Exempt Cash Fund	108-2	112-6

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St. Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2DZ 031-556 9101

222-6	202-1	Mixed	211-6	222-2
208-4	214-7	Equity	228-3	234-6
134-1	122-2	Fixed Int	126-8	133-6
262-8	225-1	International	221-8	232-7
194-6	181-0	Property	118-5	124-6
115-1	109-2	Index linked	107-4	113-1
134-80	120-0	Cash	118-65	124-90
120-4	108-4	Edinburgh Inv	107-5	113-2
115-7	91-1	Edinburgh Am	105-2	112-6
121-2	112-0	Baillie Gifford Jap	95-7	103-3

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128-5	112-6	Managed	111-8	117-8
148-0	130-1	Property	104-3	109-9
131-6	122-7	U.K. Equity	123-8	130-9
148-2	141-5	American	133-6	140-9
180-6	167-6	Pacific	166-7	114-5
132-4	116-5	European	115-8	121-7
139-7	115-9	International	118-2	124-6
146-7	131-1	Fixed Int.	130-8	135-5
139-8	109-5	Index Linked	110-8	116-8
107-2	99-4	Deposit	101-6	107-2
128-9	108-9	Pens Property	107-7	113-5
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117-0	112-1	Ind Skt Fd	106-7	112-4
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224-2	212-6	Pen Eqty Ord	208-1	220-4
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289-5	313-2	Pens Intnl	311-6	328-1
113-2	106-7	Index-Linked	104-8	110-4
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156-0	127-8	Index Linked	126-8	133-5
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116-8	99-6	Far East	97-4	107-0
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189-8	181-5	Fixed Interest	180-2	189-2
147-4	143-3	Property	140-8	147-4
206-3	195-2	Managed	192-6	203-8
160-0	149-0	Index Linked	147-8	155-6
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122-6	119-6	Maple Leaf Money Fd	119-5	122-6
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611-5	577-1	Personal Pens Accum	—	611-1
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107-1	99-5	Pens. Intnl. Fd	95-5	99-0
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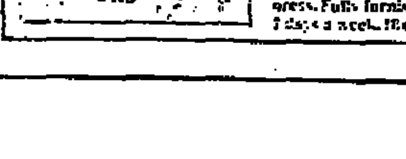

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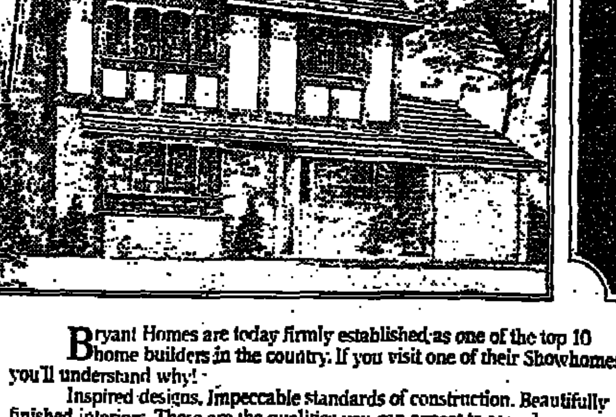

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HOUSES AND ESTATES — DAVID HOPPIT

Getting the hang of an old building concept

BUILDERS and architects are moving their emphasis away from small starter homes, according to the latest report by the National House-Building Council. So far this year new house prices have risen by 15 per cent., largely because of the trend towards larger units, and no fewer than 42,000 private house building "starts" are reported.

Behind all the statistics, however, I see a continuing trend towards the styles of the Barratts and Wimpeys of yesteryear, partly accounted for by consumer preference, and partly due to the fact that the old builders knew a thing or two.

The mediaeval "H" plan houses were not only beautiful to look at but they made best use of the available space. Before the introduction of chimneys they were open to the roof, allowing smoke to escape through a louvre, with two-storey cross-wings at either end, often with the upper stories projecting beyond the walls of the ground-floor room.

Jettied storeys of this kind may have been added for aesthetic reasons, or because they helped to keep rain water from the base of the house. A more likely explanation, though, is that they allowed more space in the upper floors, especially when the ground floor was built right up to a boundary.

At the beginning of the 14th century regulations were introduced requiring London houses to be built with projecting jetties no lower than nine feet above the ground, thus enabling a horse and rider to pass by. After the Great Fire new jettied buildings were not permitted.

An overhang running the whole length of the building is called a long jetty, but many houses built with these features were altered in the 18th century, Georgianised as it were, the ground floor being built out to the same level as the projection.

Projections were sometimes as much as two feet, often increasing the upstairs floor level by 20 per cent. Surprisingly few modern builders, if any, have until now used the same technique.

New version of the mediaeval jettied house and (detail, left) its intricate workmanship.

Now, however, a builder based in Sevenoaks, Kent, is building houses in the grand manner. Stewart Davis, whose company Davis Build is good news for the battered timber-framed housing industry, uses designs and skills which many thought had been lost.

His six new houses at Pynchon Paddocks, in Little Hallingbury, near Bishop's Stortford, close to the Essex/Hertfordshire border, have pargetting done by a local plasterer, inglenook fireplaces with chimney stacks in traditional design, a good deal of brickwork done with reclaimed bricks and a jettied first floor, with the functional joists carved to traditional design.

The jettied floor gives an increase of 2 ft all the way round the house, providing additional floor area upstairs of more than 300 square feet. This is enough for two moderate-sized bedrooms, or, as in the case of one of the new houses, one enormous games room or guest suite.

All six houses are on splendid large plots, one beside a pond. They have four or five bedrooms, with double-glazed leaded light windows and draught-proof doors, and other modern advantages to augment the ancient appearance. Prices range between £110,000 and £135,000, though only two remain. The agent is John Wright, of Bishop's Stortford.

Davis Build is also working on a site between Borough Green and Platt, in Kent. The 31 houses will be detached, and in the same styles as those at Little Hallingbury, but they are smaller and cheaper. The agent here is Porter, Cobb and Prall. The houses are in six styles, and each will have four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The first will be ready by the autumn. Prices range between £78,000 and £90,000.

For those preferring the real thing (draughts and all) there are a number of period houses with jettied first floors currently on the market. Offers around £140,000 are invited by Cluttons for the 15th-century property called The Court House, at Bratton, near Westbury, in Wiltshire. It has five bedrooms. Judge Jeffries presided at local courts once held there. The house was built on the cruck principle. It is thatched, and one gable, timber with herring-bone brick infill, is jettied.

A house known as Gulsons, in Boxted, Essex, has parts of the first *floor projecting. It is listed Grade 2,* and is some 500 years old, with views across Dedham Vale. Outside there are 4½ acres and a listed thatched barn. The house has five bedrooms and Bairstow Eves expect it to sell for £225,000.

Raffety Buckland is currently offering The Old Forge, in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, a property with a long jettied front dating from the 16th century. The house has four bedrooms, and a walled southerly garden. A figure of £190,000 is sought.

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The avenue was originally the kitchen gardens of Kensington Palace. In 1843 a developer, John Marriott Blashfield, took up 20 plots to build grand houses, but the market fell and he was declared bankrupt when the properties did not sell.

Number 20 was completed in 1846 to designs by Sir Charles Barry. Alterations soon *followed, including* the building of a further floor where the pitched roof and balustrade had been. The offending staircase was not added until 1930.

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Cricket Prospects

Oxford and Cambridge confident

By A. S. R. WINLAW

ROB ANDREW, the Cambridge captain, had hoped to go on England's rugby tour to New Zealand next month but his finals prevent it. However, rugby's loss is cricket's gain.

The Combined Universities proved a surprising force in the Benson & Hedges Cup last year defeating Gloucestershire and only losing to Surrey by one wicket. They have high hopes for the first class matches.

Oxford and Cambridge, opened the season 10 days ago against Somerset and Essex, and each have seven of last year's teams back in residence while Cambridge also welcome the return of the 1982-83 Blue Charles Ellison, brother of England's Richard Ellison.

Batting hopes

This strengthens Cambridge's bowling and such freshmen as P. Wykes, from London University, the football Blue G. Baker (Wolverhampton GS) and A. Scott (Seaford) have already caught the captain's eye.

T. A. Cotterell, slow left-arm, returns for his third year and there is obvious potential in off-spinner S. R. Gorman, from St Peter's York.

Batting hopes come from D. Fell (John Lyon, Harrow), T. M. Lord (Bedford Modern), M. Ahluwalia (Latymer Upper) and A. Taylor who has played in the Central Yorkshire League.

Oxford have a marked batting strength, with the centurions of last year's University Match in the captain A. J. T. Miller and G. J. Toogood, to say nothing of J. D. Carr, who hit two hundreds against the counties, W. R. Bristowe, D. A. Thorne and J. G. Franks, the wicket keeper.

No relation

There are batsmen of note in the freshmen, T. Patel, who has played for Bedfordshire, and R. T. Nutall, from Pocklington. But Oxford's are need is bowlers.

The rugby captain, N. W. Macdonald, is fast and M. R. Sygrove (Tettenhall GS) has promised well in the indoor nets, as have two other medium-paced bowlers of the same name Quinlan, J. T. Q., from the College of Virgin Islands, and—no relation— J. D., from Sherborne.

However, most interesting of all is the discovery of a chinaman bowler in R. N. C. Franklin, from St Edward's, Oxford. The last such left-arm spinner to play for the University was Donald Carr (1949-51), father of J. D., and Secretary of the T.C.C.B at Lord's.

CAMBRIDGE HOLD OUT

By A. S. R. WINLAW at Fenner's

Gloucestershire, having set Cambridge 292 to win in three hours, had the University struggling throughout their innings at Fenner's yesterday.

But, helped by the defensive bat of Paul Roebuck and 45 minutes of bad light, the match was saved on 51 for six.

Roebuck, with 28 runs, was the only batsman to reach double figures and although Lloyds had him caught at silly mid-off at 50 for six with 22 minutes remaining, Cotterell and Gorman then defended to the end.

The fast bowling of Lawrence and new recruit Curran—from

Cambridge Univ. v Glos.

Zimbabwe, but born in Ireland—caused Cambridge distress from the start, and they were soon 15 for three.

Cambridge declared at their overnight score of 88 for six, and Gloucestershire, with 114 for three, increased their lead to 291 runs before also declaring soon after lunch.

Cambridge were again without two bowlers, Grimes, who is injured, and flu-victim Ellison, who also misses today's match against Middlesex. But Scott, at medium pace, confirmed his promise by taking the three Gloucestershire wickets.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings: 265-2 dec. (C. W. J. Athey 11 not, P. Bainbridge 75 not, P. W. Romaines 62).

Second Innings

A. W. Stovold, c Davies, b Scott	3
P. W. Romaines, not out	29
B. F. Davison, c Davies, b Scott	2
K. M. Curran, c Davies, b Scott	13
J. W. Lloyds, not out	5
Extras (lb 5)	
Total (3 wkts dec.)	114

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-58, 3-82.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV.—First Innings: 88-1 dec. (Bowling: Lawrence 8-3-18-1, Curran 8-4-1-0, Sainsbury [illegible], Lloyds 19-9-24-4, Graveney 14-5-14-0).

Second Innings

A. E. Lea, c Lloyds, b Curran	3
*C. R. Andrew, b Lawrence	6
D. J. Price, st Russell, b Graveney	4
D. Fell c Lloyds, b Lawrence	[illegible]
P. G. P. Roebuck, c Athey, b Lloyds	28
*A. G. Davies, b Lloyds	1
T. A. Cotterell not out	0
S. Gorman not out	3
Extras (lb 3)	
Total (6 wkts)	51

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-9, 3-13, 4-32, 5-39, 6-50.

Bowling: Lawrence 5-3-11-2, Curran 5-2-3-1, Sainsbury 5-1-0-0, Graveney 16-10-12-1, Lloyds 15-8-14-2.

Umpires: D. G. L. Evans & J. H. Hampshire.

OLD TRAFFORD SALES RUSH

Lancashire Cricket Club look set to break financial records when England meet Australia at Old Trafford on May 30 in the Texaco Trophy.

Last summer's returns for the one-day international with the West Indies totalled £129,000. So far £60,000 worth of tickets have been sold and a further £65,000 banked in advance bookings for the tented village on the practice ground.

MIDDLESEX HIT BACK FOR EASY VICTORY

By MICHAEL MELFORD at Lord's

IT needed a lively imagination yesterday morning to picture Middlesex salvaging anything from a match in which they had so far not distinguished themselves—yet they did.

They came back transformed and, having bowled out Worcestershire for 103, made the 210 needed to win by eight wickets, with 19 of the 65 overs unused.

Downton batted with the utmost good sense and no shortage of strokes, first, in an opening stand of 81 with Slack, and then, as an active partner in an unbroken third-wicket partnership with Butcher, which rushed the match to an end after tea.

Despite a circumspect start, Butcher made 80 out of 115 in 65 minutes from 62 balls. With two sixes and 11 fours, he routed a Worcestershire attack which, on this pitch, sorely missed Kapil Dev, who was nursing an ankle, twisted on Monday.

In view of the difficulty which Middlesex had in taking wickets in the first innings, nothing seemed less likely than the highly efective out-cricket, which reduced Worcestershire to 68 for eight just before lunch.

Sometimes disaster sneaks up, undetected, on batting sides apparently going well, and the Middlesex bowlers were helped early on by one or two somewhat carefree strokes.

But Tomlins, Downton, Cowans and Gatting held good catches, Butcher fielded brilliantly and, on a cloudy morning, the ball was beating the bat even before the collapse began, at 53 for two.

Cowans took three wickets in an excellent spell. Emburey winkled out three batsmen in two overs on a pitch not taking spin. After lunch, Williams must have commended himself to the watching chairman of selectors by moving the ball away from the bat on a full length.

Daniel wandered in length and who had come in at No. 8 with a runner. But Williams pitched the ball up to him, and Kapil soon mis-hit into the covers.

Fluent Slack

Slack, having found his touch while carrying his bat through the melancholy Middlesex first innings, played fluently on the offside, as his opening stand with Downton gathered momentum, but in a moment of over-confidence was caught at the wicket, cutting at a wide one.

With Kapil Dev unable to bowl, too much depended on the fast-medium pace of Radford and Newport. The ball would still move about, and after tea, Radford brought one back sharply, to have Gatting lbw.

But when Downton reached 50 by cutting the first ball of an over from Radford for three, Butcher hit the last four balls of it for four. Only the last, over the wicketkeeper's head, was not off the middle of the bat.

This was really the end. Neale was forced to turn to the spin of Illingworth and Patel, which Butcher demolished with a mixture of perfectly-timed driving and whirling blows to various parts of the on side.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings: 301-6 dec. (84.4 overs) (Kapil Dev 100, D. B. D'Oliveira 73 not).

Second Innings

M. J. Weston, b Williams	0
T. S. Curtis, c Tomlins, b Daniel	5
D. M. Smith, c Downton, b Cowans	23
D. N. Patel, c Downton, b Cowans	24
*P. A. Neale, c & b Cowans	2
D. B. D'Oliveira, b Emburey	1
P. J. Newport, c Gatting, b Emburey	1
Kapil Dev, c Daniel, b Williams	35
N. V. Radford, lbw, b Emburey	0
†S. J. Rhodes, c Downton, b Williams	0
R. K. Illingworth, not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 7)	10
Total	103

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-18, 3-53, 4-61, 5-64, 6-64, 7-68, 8-68, 9-93.

Bowling: Williams 10-3-4-28-3, Daniel 10-1-45-1, Cowans 7-5-15-3, Emburey 7-1-14-3.

MIDDLESEX. — First Innings: 195 (70.4 overs) (W. N. Slack 75, Newport 5-57).

Second Innings

W. N. Slack, c Rhodes, b Newport	40
†P. R. Downton, not out	69
*M. W. Gatting, lbw, b Radford	12
R. O. Butcher not out	80
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 6)	10
Total (2 wkts)	211

Fall of wickets 1-81, 2-96.

Bowling: Radford 15-2-65-1, Newport 12-2-48-1, Weston 7-2-20-0, Illingworth 7-4-1-42-0, Patel 4-0-35-0.

Middx 19pts, Worcs 8.

Umpires: M. J. Kitchen & N. T. Plews.

Close of play

NORTHANTS (15pts) bt Derby (3) by 99 runs.

Middx (19) bt Worcs (8) by 2 wkts.

Cambs Un. drew with Glos.

Roland Butcher, whose 80 in barely an hour, clinched victory for Middlesex.

Border tries to calm Australian fears

ALLAN BORDER, the captain, and the manager, Bob Merriman, did their best yesterday to allay fears that selection problems caused by a rebel tour to South Africa would affect the Australians on their tour of England.

They were speaking before the party of 17 players boarded the plane in Melbourne for the England tour which includes a six-test series.

Border said the team had had a meeting and had "got a lotoff our chests." He added: "We are now going to England to do what we do best — play cricket."

Late changes

Mr Merriman said: "The South African issue has been totally cleansed."

Australia had to make three last-minute team changes after Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy and Steve Rixon failed to sign a declaration dissociating themselves from the proposed tour of South Africa next November.

Four other members of the party — Dirk Welham, Graeme Wood, Wayne Phillips and Murray Bennett — were originally reported to have shown interest in the South African venture but withdrew when it became clear that their careers might be in jeopardy.

Border defended the selection of fast bowler Jeff Thomson, 34, one of the late replacements.

English rating

"In England some of their 30-40-year-olds are just breaking in," he said. "I think Thommo has a psychological advantage over the English batsmen. In the 1982-83 series some of the Englishmen rated Thommo as the most difficult bowler.

"Thommo now just doesn't send it straight down, he can vary his speed to be a genuine all-round mid-pacer.

"It's an ideal tour. I'm happy with the itinerary," said Border. "I'm keen to play every game to win and that includes the county matches." The tour opens with the now traditional match against Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel on Sunday.

AUSTRALIANS FACE WILLIS

Bob Willis, the former England captain, will renew acquaintance with the Australians when he leads the Duchess of Norfolk's XI against the Tourists in their one-day match at Arundel on Sunday.

As 16 of the first class countries will be engaged in John Player games and Derbyshire play in Scotland on Saturday the organisers have been restricted in raising a team for this traditional fixture.

Meanwhile Derbyshire's chairman, Mr David Robinson, yesterday resigned because of business pressures.

DUCHESS OF NORFOLK'S XI. — *R. Willis, M. Selvey, L. Sivaramakrishnan, †R. Taylor, R. Ratnayake, N. Lenham, D. Standing, R. Knight, J. Hampshire, B. Hassan, A.N. Other.

Angling

RECORD TROUT AT BEWL BRIDGE

A record of nearly 12,000 trout have been caught at the Bewl Bridge Reservoir, Kent, since the season started in April. Best catches have been a 5lb 9oz brown trout and 5lb 8oz rainbow, both landed by Christopher Johnson, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

The Southern Water Authority reported yesterday that it was restocking the reservoir with thousands of trout. D.F.

TOPE HAUL

A double catch of tope weighing 45lb 10oz and 43lb 6oz was made yesterday by Brian Taylor, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, while boat-fishing off The Needles. The shark-like specimens were the first of the season to be caught in the area and were lured by whole mackerel bait.

Boxing

TORRES PROTEST

German Torres, the Mexican light-flyweight, has appealed to the World Boxing Council about his points defeat in a title challenge fight against Chang Jungkoo, of South Korea, in Pusan last Saturday.

BUFFALO (New York).—12 rd light-weight: Hector Camacho (U.S.) bt Roque Montoya (Mexico) pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN.—7th Stage (Cangas de Onis-Alto de Campoo): A. Gorospe [illegible] 5h 56m 49s, 1; [illegible]. Overall: P. Ruiz [illegible] 38-17-19, 1; Millar, at [illegible]. Kelly, at 6-20, 29; Yates, at 45.38, 111.

Paul Downton hits into the covers during his fine unbeaten 69 against Worcestershire yesterday.

Derbyshire fail to meet tough target

By NEIL HALLAM at Derby

DERBYSHIRE, set an improbable 381 to win in their first innings of the season, fell 100 runs short of the target on a rain-affected Derby pitch which provided movement off the seam for Neil Mallender and some turn for Richard Williams' offspin.

Cook's declaration at an overnight 140 for two seemed to err on the side of caution, inviting a runs rate of almost four an over.

The home side never quite suggested they had enough practice under their belts to achieve that sort of scoring freedom on a wicket which demanded some restraint and frequent readjustment.

Derbyshire, who had forfeited their first innings to keep the contest alive after the loss of more than six hours' play, needed a big innings from someone to stand any chance.

But they lost two of the likeliest prospects earlier on as Mallender made the ball seam

Derby v Northants

awkwardly at the end where sleet and snow had driven under the covers.

Hill, always a difficult customer to remove, hit across a ball well up to him and Morris, also attempting to get Mallender away on the legside, was betrayed by a ball which moved away and bounced generously.

Barnet, under the scrutiny of Test selector Alan Smith, played with uncharacteristic restraint to restore some equilibrium in a stand of 75 with Roberts, who cleared the pavilion with an immense blow off Williams.

Roberts was intending something similar when he checked his effort with fatal consequences. Barnett's watchful innings was ended by a reflex, one-handed diving catch by Lamb at second slip, and two catches in Williams' leg trap removed Miller and Finney to expose the tail.

Fowler deceived

Fowler, another batsman better know for his power than his patience, continued to offer some hope that defeat might be avoided. But after 136 minutes of clever judgment had produced a six and 12 fours, he was deceived by a quicker ball as he attempted to cut.

The scoreboard

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE — First Innings: 240-7 dec. (71 overs) (G. Cook 87; Finney 5-68). Second Innings: 140-2 dec. (G. Cook 68 not. Bowling: Mortensen 14-2-59-1; Finney 6-0-35-1; Miller 13-2-50-0; Warner 11-8-27-0).

DERBYSHIRE forfeited their first innings.

Second Innings

*K. J. Barnett, lbw, b Mallender	62
A. Hill, b Mallender	4
J. E. Morris, c Sharp, b Mallender	4
B. Roberts, c Walker, b Williams	41
W. P. Fowler, b Williams	79
G. Miller, c Cook, b Williams	19
R. J. Finney, c Cook, b Williams	5
†B. J. M. Maher, lbw, b Joseph	9
D. G. Moir, c Sharp, b Walker	20
A. E. Warner, run out	14
O. H. Mortensen, not out	5
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 1, nb 13)	19
Total	281

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-28, 3-102, 4-120, 5-161, 6-163, 7-224, 8-259, 9-263.

Bowling: Mallender 14-0-48-3; Joseph 16-2-70-1; Walker 13-5-26-1; Williams 32-1-8-91-4; Capel 9-2-22-0; Bailey 3-0-16-0.

Derbys 3pts, Northants 15.

Umpires: B. Leadbeater & B. J. Meyer.

MARSHALL IS ON WARPATH AGAINST N Z

By TONY COZIER in Bridgetown

WEST INDIES lost no time in strengthening their already commanding position once play started an hour late on the fourth day of the third Test in Bridgetown, Barbados, yesterday.

The unsettled weather of the three previous days, which caused an accumulated loss of almost seven hours and saturated the pitch on the rest day, broke at last.

New Zealand, starting at 15 without loss with a first innings deficit of 242, lost three quick wickets to Marshall before lunch, another to Davis soon afterwards and were 89 for four 50 minutes after the interval.

Marshall again exposed the vulnerable New Zealand top order. Bowling round the wicket, he dismissed Howarth, Rutherford and Martin Crowe in his third, fourth and sixth overs, and had Jeff Crowe dropped in the slips the ball before lunch.

Howarth and Rutherford, 19, are the two New Zealand batsmen least likely this series to survive the West Indies opening assault, yet the captain persisted with his first innings order.

Unconvincing hook

He himself was out to an unconvincing hook that lobbed a catch to Haynes two yards away on the leg side and Rutherford, whose previous innings have yielded 0, 0 and four, took two off his first ball and then steered a catch to third slip.

When Martin Crowe's attempted leg glance deflected fine off the under edge to the wicketkeeper, New Zealand had lost their one century-maker of the series.

He was soon followed back to the new Sir Garfield Sobers Pavilion by his brother, Jeff. Having survived that chance before he had scored, he had his stumps spreadeagled by a perfect yorker from Davis.

The left-handed Wright carried a lone fight for New Zealand. He has had a disappointing series but was in confident form, seldom sparing the loose bal as he passed his 50 with his seventh and best boundary, a straight drive off Davis.

NEW ZEALAND. — First Innings: 94 (M. D. Marshall 4-40).

Second Innings

J. G. Wright, not out	53
*G. P. Howarth, c Haynes, b Marshall	5
K. R. Rutherford, c Holding, b Marshall	2
M. D. Crowe, c Dujon, b Marshall	2
J. J. Crowe, not out	2
Extras 7 (w 1, nb 6)	7
Total (3 wkts) (Later 69-4)	51

To bat: J. V. Coney, †I. D. S. Smith, R. J. Hadlee, D. A. Stirling, S. L. Boock, E. J. Chatfield.

Bowling: Marshall 9-3-25-3; Garner 7-0-24-0; Davis 1-0-2-0.

WEST INDIES.—First Innings: 336 (*I. V. Richards 105, M. D. Marshall 63, D. L. Haynes 62; R. J. Hadlee 3-86).

Later: New Zealand 139-5.

OTHER MATCH

At Oxford (55-over match): LANCS 174 (D. Varey 48, Toogood 5-33), bt OXFORD UNIV. 90, by 84 runs.

TODAY'S CRICKET

Start 11 a.m. unless stated

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CH'SHIP

Bristol: Glos v Lancs.
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey.
Trent Bridge: Notts v Essex.
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan.

OTHER MATCHES

Cambridge (11.30-6.30): Cambridge Univ v Middlesex.
Oxford (11.30-6.30): Oxford Univ v Leics.

2ND XI CH'SHIP.—Leyton: Essex v Kent; Southport: Lancs v Northants; Caythorpe: Notts v Derbys; Edgbaston: Warwick v Somerset.

RUGBY FIVES

WORLD CH'SHIPS (Bedford Modern School).—Finals, Singles: G. W. Enslone bt D. J. Hebden 15-1, 15-0. Doubles: Enslone & S. Ashton bt I. Fuller & Hebden 15-2, 15-1. Veterans. Singles: A. Murray bt R. G. Freeborn 11-6, 11-6. Doubles: D. M. Hebblethwaite & G. Frigmore bt A. J. F. Mackenzie & Freeborn 11-0, 11-0. U-23. Singles: L. W. Jack bt N. G. Layton 11-6, 12-10. Doubles: Layton & M. Tremellen bt I. Jackson & H. Stoddart 12-11, 11-0.

Lawn Tennis

McNAMEE BEATEN BY OSTOJA

FIVE players who originally had to play through the qualifying, reached the second round of the Ebel German Open in Hamburg yesterday, but one of them, Jan Gunnarsson, was a wolf in sheep's clothing, writes JOHN PARSONS.

Ranked 42nd in the world, Gunnarsson, the one Swedish player who still tends to be overlooked when the astonishing successes of his countrymen are recognised, is higher than three of the men seeded in Hamburg.

Having entered after the deadline, however, he had to go through the ritual of qualifying, and only survived as a lucky loser, after being defeated in the final preliminary match by Marco Ostoya, of Yugoslavia, who achieved a genuine upset.

Gunnarsson's 6-2, 6-1 victory over 14th-seeded Martin Jaite, hardly fell into the category of a surprise, for the Swede is one place above his opponent in the world rankings.

Brilliant backhand

Ostoja, one of the most hard-working warriors on the circuit, who helped condemn Britain into the Second Division of the Davis Cup last year, relished his 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 defeat of Paul McNamee, specially the match-wining point, when he hared back, to return a lob with a brilliant backhand pass.

The other qualifiers to reach the second round were Stanislav Birner, Stefan Simonsson and Shlomo Glickstein.

Two more seeded players, Victor Pecci and Jose Higueras, who also share the extraordinary distinction of having won the British Hard-Court Championships after bad weather had forced both their finals indoors, were also beaten.

Higueras has occupied the Centre Court at Hamburg longer than most. In 1982, he took five hours and six minutes to beat Paul McNamara, a record for any Grand Prix final.

In losing 6-2, 7-6 this time to Fernando Luna, in a match interrupted overnight, the 21 games lasted three hours 15 minutes.

Pecci, the 12th seed, lost in the fierce winds, which were just as much an inhibiting factor as the numbing cold the day before, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, to American Jimmy Brown, who was 20 on Sunday.

1ST RD.—M. Ostoja (Yugoslavia) bt P. McNamee (Australia) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt M. Jaite (Argentina) 6-2, 6-1; S. Simonsson (Sweden) bt T. Fobil (Austria) 6-2, 6-2; S. Birner (Czechoslovakia) bt G. Ocleppo (Argentina) 6-4, 7-5; P. Arraya (Peru) bt H. Schwaier 6-4, 7-5; C. Lewis (NZ) bt H. Gildemeister (Chile) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; F. Luna (Spain) bt J. Higueras (Spain) 6-2, 7-6; G. Vilas (Argentina) bt M. Schapers (Holland) 6-3, 6-2; J.-L. Clerc (Argentina) bt W. Masur (Australia) 6-4, 6-4; J. Brown (US) bt V. Pecci (Paraguay) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; S. Glickstein (Israel) bt E. Bengoechea (Argentina) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; R. Arguello (Argentina) bt A. Gomez (Ecuador) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; F. Sbrell (Czechoslovakia) bt C. Motta (Brazil) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; H. de la Pena (Argentina) bt Marcelo Ingaramo 6-3, 6-4.

OKKER BACK

Tom Okker, the former tennis champion, returns to the scene of his first tournament victory when he plays in an international over-35s event at Didsbury, Manchester, in the week beginning June 3. He beat England's Roger Taylor for the title in 1965.

MEN'S T'MENT (Las Vegas).—1st rd: E. Teltscher (USA) bt L. Stefanki (USA) 2-6, 7-3, 6-4; S. Davis (USA) bt B. Teacher (USA) 6-4, 7-5; T. Mayotte (USA) bt H. Solomon (USA) 7-5, 1-6, 6-2; B. Becker (W. Germany) bt S. Giammalva (USA) 7-5, 6-1; D. Pate (USA) bt B. Testerman (USA) 7-6, 6-3; R. Simpson (New Zealand) bt Steve Meister (USA) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; K. Flach (USA) bt Terry Moor (USA) 7-6, 6-3; J. Lloyd (GB) bt M. Leach (USA) 7-6, 7-5.

Lawn Tennis

Whichello goes down to tenacious Clarke

By BILL EDWARDS

CHRIS CLARKE, a little-known player from High Wycombe who has ambitions to break into the big money game, gave timely indication of his intention in the third leg of the Lawn Tennis Association spring circuit at Sutton yesterday.

After winning his way through the qualifying competition, he knocked out Richard Whichello, the triple Prudential British junior champion, in the first round.

Clarke, confident and never afraid to go for his shots in a struggle lasting almost two hours, won 2-6, 6-1 6-1.

It was a bad setback for the Kent youngster, who contributed to his own defeat with no fewer than 14 double faults. He served four in the third game of the match and three in another later on.

Whichello could not find any length with his service, and this was his main trouble.

Good, solid game

Clarke, a product of the Milton Keynes comprehensive school, has spent three years trying to break into the circuits and this is just about his best result to date. Now 20 and with a good solid game, he has gained much international experience playing the French circuits.

Clarke admitted: "They are easier and cheaper to get to. It is a costly business trying to chase the tournaments without any sponsorship."

Simon Youl, of Australia, and Britain's Jeremy Bates — champion and runner-up in the first two tournaments — took steps towards yet another encounter when they won their opening matches.

The Tasmanian, a big powerful player able to to adapt himself to any surface, overwhelmed David Ison 6-2, 6-0 while Bates dismissed Lior Rusinek, of the US, 6-1, 6-2.

Youl looks in a class of his own in this company, but Bates is inclined to let himself be lulled into a sense of false security when the opposition is easy. Fortunately it was not so in this performance, where he maintained consistent pressure.

Leighton Alfred, the leading Welsh player, had a good 6-4, 6-2 win over Doug Stone, of Australia. But he now faces a big test in Mark Kratzman, the world junior champion from Australia, who beat David Felgate 6-2, 7-6.

The Essex player made a fight of the second set only to lose an 11-point tiebreaker.

Sally Reeves had her work cut out to beat Lisa O'Neil, of Australia, 7-5, 7-5. Miss O'Neil, 16, daughter of the former Jan Lehane, had her chances with two set points at 5-4 in the second set. But she let them get away, losing four successive games after being 5-3 up.

LTA INT'L SPRING CIRCUIT T'MENT (Sutton).—1st Rd: M. Kratzman (Australia) bt D. Felgate (Essex) 6-2, 7-6; M. Bellini (Italy) bt D. Imonitie (Nigeria) 6-1, 6-2; J. Bates (Surrey) bt L. Rusinek (US) 6-1, 6-2; R. Drysdale (Essex) bt D. Golden (Australia) 6-3, 6-1; L. Alfred (Wales) bt D. Stone (US) 6-4, 6-2.

S. Youl (Australia) bt D. Ison (Leicester) 6-2, 6-0; C. Allgardh (Sweden) bt F. Hagelauer (Surrey) 6-4, 6-1; M. Walker (Wales) bt J. Currie (Essex) 6-4, 6-4; N. Fulwood (Derbyshire) bt P. Morning (W. Germany) 6-0, 6-1; P. Lundgren (Sweden) bt M. Robinson (Lancashire) 6-0, 6-3; C. Clarke (Bucks) bt R. Whichello (Kent) 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; P. Johnston bt J. Goodall (Yorks) 7-5, 6-2.

M. Blincow (Northamptonshire) bt B. Knapp (Gloucestershire) 6-0, 6-2; F. Flynn (Australia) bt B. Parker (Buckinghamshire) -0, 6-2; M. Christensen (Denmark) bt C. Peet (Lancashire) 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

WOMEN.—1st rd: K. Brasher (Surrey) bt H. Manset (U.S.) 6-2, 6-0; S. Reeves (Kent) bt L. O'Neil (Australia) 7-5, 7-5; L. Gracie (Lancashire) bt E. Krapl (Switzerland) 7-5, 6-2; K. Okamoto (Japan) bt N. Lusty (Middlesex) 6-1, 6-1; D. Moise (Rumania) bt M. Reinhardt (W. Germany) 6-3, 6-2; J. Tacon (Norfolk) bt M. Mendez (Argentina) 6-3, 6-4; A. Bjork (Sweden) bt L. Gould (Essex) 6-3, 6-0; M. Lamquist (Sweden) bt B. Borneo (Bedfordshire) 6-2, 6-4; J. Louis (Devon) bt G. Wood (Sussex) 6-4, 6-4; E. Reinach (South Africa) bt H. Nakazaka (Japan) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; B. Fulco (Argentina) bt A. Gulley (Australia) 6-2, 7-5.

A. Karlsson (Sweden) bt H. Loleit (W. Germany) 6-1, 6-2; K. Karlsson (Sweden) bt L. Kuczynska (U.S.) 6-1, 6-2.

H. Olsson (Sweden) bt I. Cruda (France) 6-4, 6-0; S. Almgren (Sweden) bt L. Pennington (Leicestershire) 6-4, 7-6.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

ATHLETICS. — SCAAA v RAF v Borough Road Coll (C Palace NSC); Thames Valley H Open Graded Meeting (West London Stad. 6.45); London Univ Ch'ships (Motspur Park).

BOWLS.—Dinas T'ment (Padstow). Women, County: Somerset v Glamorgan (West Backwell, 1.30).

GOLF.—Women: South East Ch'ship (Temple, Maidenhead). Ford Classic (Woburn, M'ton Keynes).

LAWN TENNIS.—T'ments: Sutton, Worthing.

SPEEDWAY (7.30). — Lge Cup & KBLC: Coventry v Oxford. Nat. Lge: Long Eaton v Mildenhall; Wimbledon v Middlesbro (7.45).

SQUASH RACKETS.—SRA/WSRA Individual KO Finals (Leicester).

McEnroe misses entry deadline

By JOHN PARSONS in Hamburg

JOHN McENROE, champion or runner-up at Queen's Club for the last seven years, has missed the entry deadline for this year's Stella Artois Championships.

This was confirmed by a representative of his agents in Hamburg yesterday and tournament director Clive Bernstein said later in London: "I had been warned that there was a possibility this might happen."

So unless the world champion asks for a wild card as a late entry, it would mean McEnroe beginning the defence of his Wimbledon crown two weeks later, without having played competitively on grass since leaving the centre court as singles and doubles champion last year.

A wild card request will largely depend, one imagines, on how well McEnroe performs in Paris.

Despite seven attempts in eight years he has yet to win the world's premier clay court title and last year he lost quite bewilderingly to Ivan Lendl after leading by two sets and a service break in the third.

Wimbledon focus

The present expectations are that if McEnroe wins in Paris he may well give Queen's Club, West Kensington, a miss but if the Roland Garros title eludes him yet again, then his whole focus will once more be on Wimbledon and a competitive build-up week on grass would then renew its appeal.

"I'm sure his heart at the moment is set on winning in France," said Bernstein. "If he'd won there last year I don't think I'd have had this problem.

"When I spoke to his father in New York at the start of the year he told me 'maybe he'll play, he always does play. But don't be surprised if he doesn't enter at the right time'."

For that reason officials at Queen's are still optimistic that the man who has done so much to help them revive what was once the London grass court championships, into a hugely popular event, will eventually seek the wild card which is bound to be kept for him.

Attractive event

"There's no rule which says he has to play at Queen's Club every year," said Bernstein. "He's been wonderfully loyal to us. If he doesn't want to play for one year we can't complain."

Whatever happens, however, the Stella Artois Championships will remain a highly attractive event, though the absence of McEnroe would mean neither of the world's top two players being involved, for it had already been announced that Lendl is unlikely to play this year, unless beaten early in Paris.

Lendl, who parted company with Wojtek Fibak as his coach and mentor in January, will link up with Australian Tony Roche, the Wimbledon singles runner-up in 1969 in his build-up for this year's Paris and Wimbledon.

Their partnership will begin, I understand, after the Nations Cup in Dusseldorf and after Paris their present plan is to return to the United States for about 10 days of intensive practice on grass.

Roche, best known in Britain for his superb doubles skills, especially as John Newcombe's partner, played a prominent role in assisting New Zealander Chris Lewis when he reached the Wimbledon final unseeded in 1983.

Coincidentally, Roche was also the player who beat McEnroe in American, then 18, first played the Queen's Club final when the there in 1978.

DURIE MAKES EARLY EXIT

Britain's Jo Durie made an early exit in the Houston Women's Lawn Tennis Tournament, losing 6-3, 6-2 to Debbie Spence, of the United States, in the first round.

Regina Marsikova, of Czechoslovakia, playing in her first major event for more than three years, upset sixth-seeded American Peanut Louie 6-3, 6-1.

Marsikova, 26, once ranked in the world's top 10, has been playing in eastern Europe, but has not competed abroad for the last few seasons.

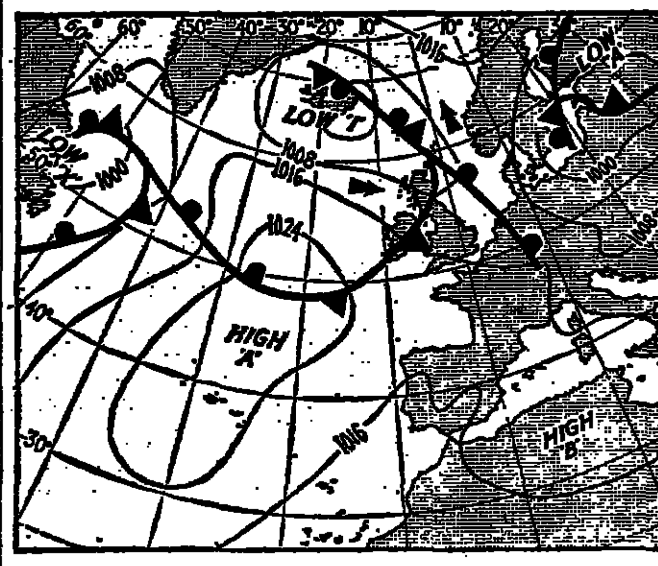
HOUSTON WOMEN'S T'MENT.—1st rd: S. Goles (Yugoslavia) bt M. Washington 6-3, 6-4; J. Klitch bt L. Thompson 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; M. Yanagi (Japan) bt A. Hulbert 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; R. Marsikova (Czechoslovakia) bt P. Louie (U.S.) 6-3, 6-1; A. Smith bt C. Benjamin 6-4, 6-2; D. Spence bt J. Durie (GB) 6-3, 6-2.

Netball

ENGLAND SWITCH

England have switched their under-18 and under-21 netball international matches against Northern Ireland from Belfast to the Midlands. The games will now be played at the Harry Mitchell centre, Smethwick, on Saturday, at 6.30 and 8 p.m.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon April 30



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HOME AND ABROAD

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Akrotiri	s	73	23	L. Palmas	c	68	20
Alxndria	c	73	23	Lisbon	s	73	23
Algiers	s	73	23	Locarno	s	63	17
Amstrdm	c	45	7	London	c	59	15
Ascnsion	f	84	29	*L. Angls	f	58	15
Athens	s	68	20	Luxembrg	c	43	6
Bahrain	s	84	29	Luxor	f	108	42
*Barbdos	r	77	25	Madrid	dr	72	22
Barclona	s	61	16	Majorca	s	63	20
Beirut	f	75	24	Malta	f	64	18
Belfast	r	52	11	Manchstr	r	52	11
Belgrade	f	59	15	*Mexico C	f	75	26
Berlin	r	39	4	Milan	s	66	19
*Brmuda	c	77	25	Moscow	c	63	17
Biarritz	s	63	17	Munich	r	41	5
Brmnghm	c	57	14	Nairobi	r	73	23
Blackpool	c	48	9	Naples	f	63	17
Bordeaux	s	64	18	Newcastle	s	55	13
*Boston	f	55	13	N. Delhi	s	97	36
Boulogne	c	50	10	Nice	s	61	16
Bristol	c	55	13	Oporto	s	72	22
Brussels	r	46	8	Oslo	s	54	12
Budapest	f	52	11	Paris	c	59	15
*B. Aires	s	61	16	Peking	s	86	30
Cairo	s	91	33	Perth	s	66	19
Cape Tn.	c	64	18	P Stanley	f	41	5
Cardiff	c	55	13	Prague	r	39	4
Casablnca	s	73	23	Reykjavik	f	41	5
Cologne	f	50	10	Rhodes	s	70	21
Copnhgen	r	39	4	*R d Jan.	f	84	29
*Chicago	s	66	19	Riyadh	f	97	36
Corfu	s	64	18	Rome	c	59	15
*Dallas	c	73	23	Salzburg	r	41	5
*Denver	dr	52	11	*S. Frisco	f	61	16
Dublin	c	54	12	*Santiago	s	59	15
Dubrvnik	s	57	14	*S Paulo	c	82	28
Edinbrgh	f	55	13	Seoul	s	75	24
Faro	f	73	23	Singapore	s	75	24
Florence	s	64	18	Strasburg	r	48	9
Frankfurt	s	52	11	Stockhlm	r	36	2
Funchal	f	63	17	Tangier	s	73	23
Geneva	r	52	11	Tel Aviv	f	82	28
Gibraltar	s	68	20	Tenerife	f	70	21
Glasgow	c	54	12	Tokyo	s	72	22
Guernsy	dr	50	10	Tunis	f	70	21
Helsinki	c	46	8	Valencia	s	70	21
Hongkong	c	75	24	*Vancuver	f	50	10
Innsbrck	sl	36	2	Venice	s	57	14
Inverness	s	52	11	Vienna	f	52	11
I. of Man	c	52	11	Warsaw	f	45	7
Istanbul	f	50	10	Washngtn	s	70	21
Jeddah	s	93	34	Wellngtn	c	55	13
Jersey	dr	52	11	Zurich	r	46	8
Karachi	s	88	31				

Key: C—cloudy; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; dr—drizzle; sl—sleet. Temperatures: (F. & C.) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

LONDON READINGS

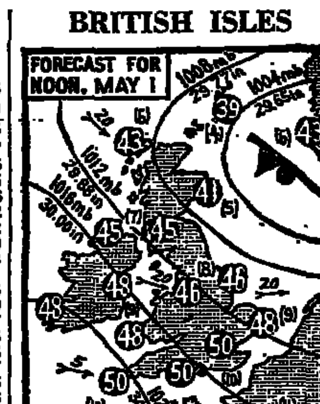
Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 63F (17C). Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 50F (10C). Rainfall 0·09 in. Sunshine 1·5 hrs.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest: Southampton 64F (9C). Wettest: Inverness 0·47 in. Sunniest: Shanklin 10·1 hrs.

Lighting-up time 9.25 p.m. to 4.29 a.m. Sun rises 5.1 a.m. Sets 8.55 p.m. Moon rises 5.35 a.m. Sets 11.6 p.m.

High water at: London Bridge 3.27 a.m. (22ft); 3.47 p.m. (22.4ft). Dover 12.34 a.m. (20.4ft); 12.58 p.m. (20.4ft).

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Tynem'th	4.5	0.03	59	15	Sun pd
Scarboro'	4.1	0.04	61	16	Sun pd
Bridlington	3.6	0.01	61	16	Sun pd
Lowestoft	0.3	0.07	55	13	Rain pd
Clacton	0.2	0.04	59	15	Cloudy
Margate	—	0.01	59	15	Dull
South					
Folkestone	0.5	0.01	61	16	Cloudy
Hastings	2.6	0.07	59	15	Bright
Eastb'rne	2.3	0.03	57	14	Rain am
Brighton	3.2	0.01	54	12	Bright
Worthing	3.8	0.01	57	14	Cloudy
Little'ton	3.7	—	63	17	Sunny
Bognor	5.0	0.01	61	16	Sunny
Hayling I.	7.2	—	59	15	Sun am
Southsea	6.3	—	61	16	Sun am
Ryde	7.4	—	61	16	Sunny
Sandown	8.5	—	59	15	Sunny
Shanklin	10.1	—	57	14	Sunny
Ventnor	7.7	—	59	15	Sunny
B'mouth	5.3	—	61	16	Brgt am
Poole	6.1	—	63	17	Cloudy
Swanage	5.4	—	57	14	Shrs am
Weymouth	4.4	—	59	15	Bright
Exmouth	4.0	—	61	16	Sun pd
Teignm'th	4.4	—	63	17	Bright
Torquay	6.0	—	63	17	Sun am
Falmouth	5.8	0.03	59	15	Sunny
Penzance	7.5	0.01	59	15	Sunny
Scilly Is.	5.5	—	57	14	Sun pd
Jersey	1.5	—	55	13	Cloudy
Guernsey	5.5	—	59	15	Sun pd
West					
Newquay	4.7	—	59	15	Cloudy
Ilfrac'be	0.4	—	54	12	Brgt pd
Southport	0.5	0.30	52	11	Cloudy
Morecambe	1.3	0.03	52	11	Dull
Douglas	3.6	0.15	54	12	Shrs pd
Wales					
Colwyn B.	1.3	0.12	57	14	Cloudy
Tenby	0.2	—	55	13	Cloudy
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	3.0	0.18	55	13	Showers
Prestwick	1.2	0.03	55	13	Rain
Glasgow	4.6	0.05	55	13	Shrs pm
Tiree	3.4	0.19	52	11	Showers
Stornoway	4.2	0.01	54	12	Showers
Lerwick	2.7	0.15	43	6	Rain
Wick	2.5	0.21	54	12	Rain
Kinloss	5.4	0.30	55	13	Showers
Abrdeen	2.4	0.17	55	13	Showers
St Andr's	5.9	0.06	55	13	Shrs pm
Edinburgh	5.4	0.04	59	15	Shrs pm
N'thn Ireland					
Belfast	2.2	0.01	59	15	Shrs pm

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LGE.—Texas 7, New York Yankees 5—Cleveland 3, Kansas 2—California 7, Boston 6—Toronto 2, Oakland 1—Seattle 9, Milwaukee 7.
NAT. LGE.—Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2.

Women's Golf

QUINTET BEGIN £½m TRAIL ON DUKE'S COURSE

By *MICHAEL WILLIAMS*

MORE than half a million pounds will be at stake on the W P G A circuit, which opens at Woburn today with the £20,000 Ford Classic, and it will provide the women professionals with the chance of repairing some of the scars they suffered on the same course last October.

It was here on the Duke's course that Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, ran away with the British Women's Open championship by 11 strokes from Dale Reid, of Scotland, and Betsy King, of the United States.

Miss Okamoto was not only the only player to beat par, her total of 289 being three under, but she was also the only one to complete the four rounds in less than 300 strokes.

A certain amount of slow play and then a finish that lacked excitement so disillusioned the B B C that they not only decided not to cover the event this season, but that in turn led to Hitachi withdrawing sponsorship.

Happily the Royal and Ancient then came to the rescue of the Open itself by generously providing £40,000 prize money when the event moves to Moor Park in October and such faith in the future of the women's professional circuit will be justified, it is hoped, by some better results this week.

The Duke's course will be noticeably shorter than it was last October and provided some warmer weather arrives the chances are that the course will play much easier than it did then.

Familiar complaint

A long, hard winter has not helped the greens but this is a familiar complaint. I am beginning to wonder when last there was a spring that won favour with greenkeepers and greens' committees.

The significant development during the winter has been a number of top class amateurs who have been unable to resist the rewards now available on the professional circuit.

Gillian Stewart, Penny Grice, Laura Davies, Janet Soulsby and Julie Brown are all in the field this week. All except Miss Brown are Curtis Cup players.

Furthermore Miss Stewart and Miss Grice have already given notice that they should survive in such company. They finished first and second in a play-off for last year's I B M European Open at the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, the professionals all trailing.

Long hitter

Both Miss Grice and Miss Soulsby are former English girl and under-23 champions while the latter is also a former British Open strokeplay champion.

Miss Brown was defeated by the American, Jody Rosenthal, in the final of last year's British Women's championship while Miss Davies, a formidable long hitter, has won both the English intermediate and the Welsh strokeplay titles.

All will be hoping to emulate the feat of the defending champion, Kitrina Douglas, who won this Ford title a year ago only eight days after turning professional. She went on to finish second in the final Ring and Brymer Order of Merit behind Dale Reid.

Like the men before them, the women's tour is becoming increasingly international. Today's field includes 74 players from 11 countries and there will be two qualifiers, one after 36 holes and the other after 54.

Among them will be Mari McDougall, the former United States Curtis Cup player, and Japan's Yoshiko Edahiro.

Form is an unknown quantity at this time of the year but most of the players have already been hard at work, either at home or abroad, though competition is of course another matter.

Defending champion Kitrina Douglas and her caddie, Guy Thomas, weigh up the speed of the greens during yesterday's Pro-Am before the start of the Ford Classic at Woburn today.

Hockey

PENALTY CORNERS CURB

By CHRIS MOORE

THE Hockey Rules Board have taken steps to tackle the growing problem of goalkeepers charging from their line by restricting the number of defending players at penalty corners.

In a mandatory rule, which will be introduced on an experimental basis from July 1, only five players will be allowed to defend the goal at a penalty corner instead of the six permitted at present. And scoop and flick shots will be permitted.

The reasoning, presumably, is that with one less defender a goalkeeper will be unwilling to leave his line.

During recent international tournaments goalkeepers have been rushing to the edge of the circle and flinging themselves in front of strikers.

Taylor's disapproval

Ian Taylor, Britain's goalkeeper at the Los Angeles Olympics, reluctantly adopted the practice during the Games.

However, he made no secret of his disapproval. "Someone is going to be killed soon," he said in Los Angeles.

It remains to be seen whether the new rule will act as a deterrent for goalkeepers. The first real test will come in the Junior World Cup in Vancouver in August.

From Sept. 1, the Rules Board are allowing experiments which could lead to the disappearance of the penalty corner in its present form. Next season, in domestic events, national associations will be able to introduce a 14-yard hit in its place.

Goalkeeper's role

If this experiment is adopted a player from the attacking team will take a hit from a spot 14 yards in front of the goal. Only the goalkeeper will defend the hit, with all other players remaining behind the 25-yard line.

If the goalkeeper saves the shot, play will continue, with players from both sides being able to join in. This experimental rule will not be used in international tournaments.

These and other recommended experimental rule changes will be considered by the Hockey Association in July. "By then we shall have the recommendations of the umpires and international team committees," said Col Dennis Eagan of the Hockey Association yesterday.

Yachting

Cudmore rallies in French series

By *TONY FAIRCHILD in Antibes*

HAROLD CUDMORE, the British representative, had a much better second day in the French matchracing series in Antibes yesterday, when he convincingly won his first two heats.

And though he faced a protest over a collision in his third contest against the Frenchman Yves Pajot, the circumstances seemed to favour a British victory after last night's meeting of the international jury.

But heading the overall points is the Australian Colin Beashel, a member of the crew of the America's Cup-winning yacht, Australia II, and one of four new helmsmen now being tested by the syndicate headed by Alan Bond.

Beashel, Cudmore and Pajot will meet again as the Champagne Mumm—sponsored series continues off the Côte d'Azur—and again in the Lymington Cup, which begins on May 10.

Stand-in skipper

Also at Lymington could be the Italian Tiziano Nava, navigator on the Italian 12-metre Azzurra in the 1983 America's Cup, and a stand-in at Antibes for skipper Mauro Pelaschier.

It seems that Pelaschier has had to go into hospital for an operation, and it is possible that Cino Ricci, the Italian team manager, will suggest Nava travel also to Lymington.

Some syndicates preparing for the first Australian defence of the America's Cup in 1987—like the Azzurra and Australia II groups—are giving all of their potential helmsmen as much match-race practice as they can, it seems.

And yesterday's shifty Mediterranean breeze, varying from around six to 16 knots in strength, gave the skippers further valuable experience, as the crews became more accustomed to the Jeanneau 37-footers being raced.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Subject to protest

THIRD ROUND. — M. Maeder (Switzerland) bt J. Faroux (France); H. Cudmore (GB) bt T. Nava (Italy); C. Beashel (Australia) bt C. Dickson (US); M. Teweles (France) bt Y. Pajot (France).
FOURTH ROUND. — Nava bt Maeder; Beashel bt Pajot; Dickson bt Teweles; Cudmore bt Faroux.
FIFTH ROUND.—Nava bt Teweles; Dickson bt Maeder; Beashel bt Faroux; Pajot bt Cudmore.

TOP FRENCH SKIPPERS MAY COMPETE

By DAVID PELLY

A MAXIMUM entry of 100 yachts is expected for the City of Plymouth Round Britain and Ireland Race which starts on July 6 and several top French skippers are known to be considering last-minute entries.

The cancellation of a race from La Rochelle to Ammapolis means that some of the big multi-hulls could now compete in the Round Britain and still be in time for the Round Europe Race, which starts from Kiel on Aug 9.

John Dacre, commodore of the Royal Western Yacht Club, organisers of the Round Britain event, said yesterday that the club had been in touch with several French skippers and were expecting to receive entries from some of them within the next few days.

"The closing date is May 13, by which time qualifying trips should have been completed," said Mr Dacre. "But we are allowed to be flexible in special circumstances."

"If a number of the 80-foot multi-hulls wanted to enter, this would give us space problems both at Plymouth and Cork, the first stopping point," he said, "but we certainly would not wish to turn away the fastest sailing yachts in the world."

The Round Britain and Ireland Race is open to multi-hulls and conventional yachts, with the conventional ones proving more popular in the smaller classes. The start and finish are at Plymouth, and there are stopping points at Cork, Barra, Lerwick, and Lowestoft.

ATTACK ON F A OVER HOOLIGANS

By KEN MAYS

THE Duke of Edinburgh was first-hand witness to a row over soccer hooliganism during the annual meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at the Carpenters' Hall, London, yesterday.

The Duke, who had been in jovial mood as president of the C C P R, including calling the Hall a "Splendid cigar box," sat in silence as George Cubitt, the vice-chairman, attacked the Football Association over their recent dealings with soccer clubs.

Mr Cubitt said: "There is a hooligan problem which affects some of our sports. Both players and spectators are involved and, while we can and should deal with the players, the kind of mindless idiots who plague football are another matter.

Wider malaise

"The poor old football clubs who have suffered most from this particular manifestation of a much wider social malaise, even to the point where many are facing bankruptcy, are the popular aunt sallies when it comes to placing the blame.

"The politicians, the police and Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all lay the blame for hooliganism squarely on the football clubs.

"Even their own governing body appeared to wilt under the pressure when it fined impecunious Millwall £7,500 for an attack on the police by a crowd of hooligans at Luton, some 40 or so miles from their ground at The Den.

"Where is the justice in this? How can Millwall F C possibly be held responsible for what these idiots did 40 miles from their ground? The yobs, of course, got off scot free and live to fight another day."

Personal view

His remarks brought a swift reply from Les Mackay, who headed the F A Commission into the trouble at Luton and who was in the hall.

"I regret the implied criticism of the FA," he said. "It is always easier to criticise without being in full possession of the facts. We sat for over 10 hours and discussed the matter thoroughly."

Mr Mackay said he was quite amazed by Mr Cubitt's attack and "this was neither the time nor place to make them."

Peter Lawson, the C C P R secretary, said: "Mr Cubitt's remarks were a personal view, which he is perfectly entitled to make."

Rome International Show

Arioldi sprint foils Smith and Galaxi

By ALAN SMITH in Rome

HARVEY SMITH and Sanyo Galaxi were just foiled of making a triumphant start to the Rome International Horse Show yesterday by the Italian speed merchant Roberto Arioldi on Danzica in the Premio Azalee.

Smith had given the Dutch-bred Galaxi a rest since last October until the recent World Cup shows in Gothenburg and Berlin, and for this first outdoor event he is still not at his peak.

Going early in this timed competition with 69 starters, Smith did not ask his nine-year-old to go flat out and there was always a chance that one of the battery of thrusting Italians—there are 24 of them at the show—might overtake him.

Double role

Most of the opposition had been effectively dealt with when Arioldi, 29, from Monza, produced the winning round on the Italian-bred Danzica whose dam Fabina also won here in her competitive days.

As well as riding, Smith is acting as manager of the team until Ronnie Massarella, who is with another British squad in Spain, arrives tomorrow for the Nations Cup.

Jean Germany, who like Harvey Smith is a great supporter of the Rome show, had a good clear on Whisper Grey for equal seventh place.

Robert Smith on Vista and Geoff Billington with Brinklow, both went a good deal faster but each hit the first element of the 10th fence, and the double.

Miss Germany went closer when, on a day of British near-misses, she and Mandingo were third to Swiss Olympic rider, Willi Melliger on Beethoven II in the Premio Comune di Roma.

In a 19-horse barrage, Harvey and Robert Smith, on Technology and Olympic Video, were the first two to go and each lost his accuracy in an attempt to put pressure on their rivals.

Miss Germany and Mandingo, jumping superbly, could not quite match the Brazilian Jaoa Aragao—a pupil of Nelson Pessoa—but then Melliger, a member of the team that won the European Championship in 1983, put them both in their place.

Billington, in Rome for the first time, had a good crack on Preachan, but a kick-back lowered the second part of the double and left them ninth.

PREMIO AZALEE: R. Arioldi's Danzica (Italy) 1; H. Smith's Sanyo Galaxi (GB) 2; G. B[illegible]'s Balanda's Fran[illegible] Malesin (France) 3.

PREMIO COMUNE DI ROMA: W. Melliger's Beethoven II (Switzerland) 1; J. Aragao's Moet & Chandon Vinci (Brazil) 2; Miss J. Germany's Mandingo (GB) 3.

Harvey Smith and Sanyo Galaxi, runners-up in Rome yesterday.

Squash Rackets

BRIARS GOES UP TO No. 8

By D. J. RUTNAGUR

England's Gwain Briars, despite his lacklustre performance in the recent Davies and Tate British Open squash rackets championships, has moved up four places in the world rankings, announced yesterday by the International Squash Players Association.

Outstanding results in three tournaments leading up to the Open have hoisted Briars to No. 8. He replaces Hiddy Jahan as the only Englishman in the top 10.

Like Jahangir Khan in the men's rankings, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, is way ahead on points of the second placed Martine Le Moignan, of England, in the women's list. The two women contested one of the best finals ever in the British Open last week.

Lisa Opie, losing finalist for the last three years, drops to No. 3. Although trailing Alison Cumings by four places in the English rankings, teenager Lucy Soutter, at six, is rated above the Surrey girl in the world list.

MEN.—Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 1; C. Dittmar (Australia) 2; R. Norman (N. Zealand) 3; Q. Zaman (Pakistan) 4; G. Pollard (Australia) 5; S. Davenport (N. Zealand) 6; Maqsood Ahmed (Pakistan) 7; G. Briars (England) 8; R. Thorne (Australia) 9; G. Awad (Egypt) 10; G. Williams (England) 11; H. Jahan (England) 12.

WOMEN.—S. Devoy (N. Zealand) 1; M. Le Moignan (England) 2; L. Opie (England) 3; J. Miller (Australia) 4; R. Thorne (Australia) 5; L. Soutter (England) 6; A. Cumings (England) 7; A. Smith (England) 8; R. Blackwood (N. Zealand) 9; H. Wallace (Scotland) 10; R. Anderson (Australia) 11; L. Irving (Australia) 12.

GOLF

LEICS & RUTLAND WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Birstall). — 36-hole qual.: 158 — Mrs R. Reed (Willesley P.). 164—Miss A. Walters (Cosby). 165—Mrs D. Harris (Kibworth). 167—Mrs A. Allsopp (Kirby Muxloe), Mrs T. Davis (Longcliffe).

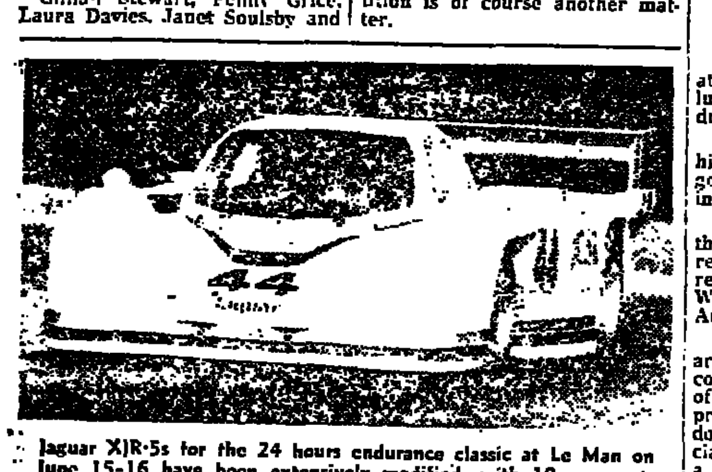
WORCS WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Stourbridge).—Leading qualifiers: 76—M. Carr (The Worcs). 78—S. McMurray (Stourbridge), N. Wh[illegible] (Moseley). 80—L. Waring (Herefordshire), J. Hawkings (The Worcs). 83—A. Hunter (Kidderminster).

ROAD RACE

CUACA 5 (New Brckenham).—E. Brown (Surellon) 23m 35s. Team: Ibis. Women: E. Haley (Cuaca) 32-16.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CH'SHIPS (Prague) — Sweden 7, E. Germany 2.



Jaguar XJR-5s for the 24 hours endurance classic at Le Man on June 15-16 have been extensively modified, with 10 per cent. more power, improved aerodynamics and suspension. A new Jaguar endurance car, developed by Walkinshaw Racing, will make its debut at the Hockenheim on July 14.

Strong competition to fill void left by Davies

By *ELIZABETH PRICE*

LAURA DAVIES is unable to defend the South Eastern golf title she has won the past two years when the Moben Kitchen-sponsored championship is played today at Temple, near Maidenhead.

She will be opening her professional career at Woburn where the Ford Classic begins—but her absence will not leave the amateur tournament without interest.

Among the young players, Claire Duffy is coming to the forefront. Last week she was only beaten on the last green by the experienced Angela Uzielli, who was taking her ninth Berkshire title.

Sally Barber, reinstated as an amateur after a short time in the professional ranks, is playing with her young London foursomes partner, Susan Moorcraft. Tracey Craik, the Scottish girls' champion from Trilford Heath, is also in the field.

This will be the last year the tournament is played in its present form of 36 holes medal on one day. It has had various strokeplay over 72 holes when first played in 1930, matchplay for five years at the end of the 1960s, and then in its current shape since 1975.

Participating past winners include twice champion Jill Thornhill, who was second last year, and Jill Nicolson — fresh from her Surrey championship triumph who won in 1982. Heather Glynn-Jones and Carole Caldwell have won three times.

With so many clubs holding one-day, 36-hole events, the organisers obviously wanted to increase the prestige of the South Eastern and to do so have brought it into line with other divisional championships, reverting to the matchplay format.

Ski-ing

PLAN TO RELAX ADVERT RULING

The International Ski-ing Federation and skiers' representatives yesterday agreed in Zurich to recommend a relaxation of advertising at World Cup alpine events.

They have proposed that competitors would be allowed to carry up to five bands of promotional material on gloves, helmets, caps, glasses and anoraks.

Rugby Union

ALL BLACKS' INTINERARY

The New Zealand All Blacks will begin their controversial rugby union tour of South Africa in Welkom on July 24.

Ces Blazey, the New Zealand R F U chairman, announcing the itinerary for the tour, said the All Blacks would play 16 matches, including three Tests against the Springboks.

JULY 24: Northern Free State (Welkom). 27: Orange Free State (Bloemfontein). 31: Eastern Transvaal (Springs).

AUG 3: Transvaal (Johannesburg). 7: Natal (Durban). 10: Western Province (Cape Town). 13: S. Africa Invitation XV (Port Elizabeth). 17: First Test (Cape Town). 21: Springbok 8 (Johannesburg). 24: Northern Transvaal (Pretoria). 27: Western Transvaal (Potchefstroom). 31: Second Test (Pretoria).

SEPT. 4: South Africa Country XV (Kimberley). 7: Eastern Province (Port Elizabeth). 10: Boland (Wellington). 14: Third Test (Durban).

Ice Hockey

Streatham take their road to Wembley

By HOWARD BASS

THE road to Wembley is no longer a phrase exclusive to soccer. For ice hockey, it bears a similar significance. In both sport's the season's showpiece takes place this month at a neutral venue used by no resident club.

In the case of ice hockey, it is Wembley Arena still the nations major indoor sports centre, just a few hundred yards from the football stadium.

Once the home of England's best suported ice hockey club, the arena now plays host to the semi-finals and final of the Heineken British Championship on the first weekend each May.

The battle to reach the last four began in October, when the 10 teams in the Premier Division of the Heineken League knew that, after each had played 36 scheduled games, the top six in the table would qualify for a quarter-final play-off series.

The six were, in order of finishing, Durham Wasps, Fife Flyers, Murrayfield Racers, Ayr Bruins, Streatham Redskins and Cleveland Bombers—three from England and three from Scotland — because, as an Anglo-Scottish super league, the Heineken competition is one step ahead of soccer.

Tempers fray

The six were then divided into two groups of three, to contest round-robin play-offs over three April weekends to determine Wembleys four semi-finalists—Fife, Ayr, Murrayfield and Streatham.

Because of the faster pace, tempers fray more readily on ice than on grass, but ice hockey crowd trouble is almost non-existent, so there will be hardly a policeman in sight at Wembley Arena on Saturday and Sunday.

There are other differences which cause the ice hockey fan to feel somewhat privileged. Everything of significance that happens is swiftly communicated to spectators by electronic scoreboards, time clocks and loudspeakers.

There is no time-wasting because play is governed by the stop-watch. Each players knows, too, that a rule infringement means serving automatic penance for an appropriate spell in the penalty-box, colloquially termed "sin bin."

Insufficient revenue

Most British players today are basically amateur. In other words, they play simply because they love the game. There is no rule preventing payment, but spectator accommodation is insufficient to provide the revenue for fully professional teams.

Each club is allowed a maximum of three "import" players nearly all Canadians, whose inevitably small payments are augmented, in some cases, by coaching fees.

The present national level of play is understandably low by top international standards and must remain so until more rinks are built to provide more ice time for training and room for crowds upwards of 5,000.

Boxing

TUBBS TAKES W B A TITLE

Tony Tubbs, ranked only seventh by the World Boxing Association, unanimously outpointed Greg Page, the champion, to win the W B A heavyweight title in Buffalo, New York State.

It was Page's third defeat in four fights, his only victory coming when he knocked out Gerrie Coetzee for the title, in South Africa last December.

Despite his record of having won 19 fights on knock-outs, Page never backed up his aggressive stance with aggressive punching —and was booed by the 7,500 crowd.

Tubbs fought intelligently, conserving his energy and scoring effectively and often against the disappointing champion.

He took complete control in the 14th round, landing with a hard right hand and several good hooks in the first minute. Then he hurt Page with a further combination of punches to the head.

YESTERDAY'S N H RACING

SEDGEFIELD

Going: GOOD

2.0: Kamal Siddiq (P. A. Charlton 7-4F) 1; Snap Tin (14-1) 2; Sunny One Shine (13-2) 3. 15 ran. 10l, 10l. (M. Lambert). Tote: Win, £2·50; places, £1·10, £1·30, £2·70. Dual F'cast: £18·30. SPSF: £25·60.

2.30: Edward's Corner (J. Hansen, 16-1) 1; Welfare (100-30F) 2; Shirl-star Boyaboy (4-1) 3. 11 ran. 6l, 2l. (T. Barnes). Tote: Win, £18·10; places, £3·70, £2·10, £2·00. Dual F'cast: £99·30. SPSF: £66·43.

3.0: Sir Badsworth (M. Brisbourne, 10-1) 1; Secondary Image (9-4F) 2; Jimmy Chips (10-1) 3. 13 ran. 1l, 20l. (T. Laxton). Tote: Win, £19·60; places, £3·00, £1·30, £5·20. Dual F'cast: £14·80. SPSF: £34·30. Tricast: £223·72. NR: Never A Buck.

3.30: Border Knight (R. Lamb, 15-8F) 1; Midsummer Express (9-1) 2; Joyful Star (7-1) 3. 12 ran. 2l, 1l. (J. Haldane). Tote: Win, £2·50; places, £1·20, £1·90, £1·90. Dual F'cast: £5·40. SPSF: £15·10. NR: Conary Player.

4.0: Barwar (P. Warner, 8-1) 1; Ross Morgan (15-2) 2; Grange of Glory (11-10F) 3. 17 ran. 12l, 5l. (P. O'Connor). Tote: Win, £5·50; places, £1·80, £5·60, £1·40. Dual F'cast: £18·80. SPSF: £72·34. NR: Royal Tattoo.

4.30: Fergy Foster (Mr P. J. Duncan, 8-1) 1; Laugh-A-Minute (16-1) 2; Cal Mal (9-1) 3. 12 ran. French Nephew 11-10F. 3l, 2l. (W. A. Stephenson). Tote: Win, £8·40; places, £2·20, £2·70, £2·30. Dual F'cast: £64·60. SPSF: £120·22. Tricast: £1,073·79.

PLACEPOT: Not won. Pool of £135·50 carried forward to Ascot today.

FOLKESTONE

Going: FIRM

1.45: Hubli (R. Rowe, 8-1) 1; Batu (11-2) 2; Caro Wood (10-1) 3. 14 ran. Mosof 7-2F. 1l, 2l. (J. Gifford). Tote: Win, £5·90; places, £1·80, £4·00, £10·10. Dual F'cast: £59·40. SPSF: £50·58. Tricast: £416·77. NRs: Islander, Quaker Lad & Deep Coach.

2.15: Zaccio (Mr S. Sherwood, 13-8F) 1; Our Fun (2-1) 2; Sharpsalis (5-2) 3. 12 ran. 3l, hd. (O. Sherwood). Tote: Win, £2·90; places, £1·00, £1·60, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £3·60. SPSF: £5·08. NR: Cresun.

2.45: Royalty Miss (Miss F. Fletcher, 25-1) 1; Star Charter (5-4F) 2; Burn Nooka (9-1) 3. 13 ran. 1l, 3l. (A. Neaves). Tote: Win, £1·10, £5·80; places, £7·30, £1·10, £5·80. Dual F'cast: £30·20. S P S F: £54·50. Tricast: £508·60. NRs: Wellfield Tuyco.

3.15: Just A Ghost (Miss S. French, 16-1) 1; Indiana Dare (evens F) 2; Prince Bal (7-4) 3. 5 ran. 1½l, 2l. (Mr J. French). Tote: Win, £8·20; places, £4·20, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £4·10. SPSF: £30·90.

3.45: Caer Na Caille (R. Rowe, 13-8F) 1; Smiling Cavalier (16-1) 2; Buck And Wing (4-1) 3. 10 ran. 4l, 1½l. (J. Gifford). Tote: Win, £1·90; places, £1·40, £3·30, £1·70. Dual F'cast: £18·70. SPSF: £25·07. Tricast: £84·52. N.R.: Admiral Granville.

4.15: Riverside Drive (J. Lovelock, 8-1) 1; Sailing By (2-1F) 2; Flamtex (6-1) 3. 11 ran. 2l, 15l. (J. Davies). Tote: Win, £11·70; places, £3·00, £1·80, £2·40. Dual F'cast: £27·20. SPSF: £25·26. N.R.s: Kimbourne Lad, Charnfield, Paradise Straits, Royal Gambit, Snowball Itn, For Valour, Nicola Louise.

PLACEPOT: £9·95.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Course Winners.—3.15 (6f): Spoilt For Choice (7 three times), Perooca (5f), God's Solution (6f). 3.45 (5f): Dublin Lad (5f), Lady Chantry (5f). 4.15 (1m 7f 180yd): Straighoon (1½m 46y), Red Duster (1m 7f 180y), Careneader (1m 7f 180y).

Jockeys (since March, 1980). — Duffield 40, Ives 20, Birch 19, E. Hide 17, Nicholls 13, Webster 12, Perks 12, Lowe 10, Day 10, Dwyer 7, Charnock 7, Fry 7.

Trainers.—Prescott 20, Hills 15, Chapman 13, Hindley 12, M. H. Easterby 11, Stoute 11, O'Gorman 10, Watts 9, Morley 9, Cecil 8, Denys Smith 8, M. W. Easterby 8.

Point-to-Point

West shows champion potential with double

By *DAVID WELCH*

STEPHEN WEST, runner-up in the novice riders' championship last season, may not trouble Peter Greenall in the race for the men's title this year, but he is fast emerging as a possible future champion.

West, 21, has limited opportunities in Devon and Cornwall, where he is based, but he landed his third double of the season on Saturday an it was his fifth in the past two seasons.

The Dartmoor double on Phil Grey (Open) and his own horse Stories Gold (British Field Sports Society Race) took West's score to 10, six behind Greenall but only one adrift of David Turner, the champion.

West held a professional licence four years ago, but gave it up after 70 rides and two winners because of increasing weight and the need to spend more time helping on his father's farm at Millbrook.

Seventh victory

West acknowledges the debt he owes Rosalyn Bratchley's Phil Grey: "I'm lucky to be riding such a good horse," he said. "And if he runs in the Diners Club final at Chepstow he will take a lot of beating."

Phil Grey was winning his seventh race of the season, a tally equalled by Adam Calder's Flying Ace at the Fife on Saturday, and this pair now lead the Grand Mariner Championship.

Greenall rode his 125th point-to-point winner when he put himself within reach of his best season's total with a Worcestershire treble.

Highland Blaze, the first of Greenall's winners, was scoring for the fourth time in-a-row when landing the Members and will now be aimed for the Champion Novice event at the Melton Hunt Club in two week's time.

Greenall setback

Greenall's other two wins came on Royal Missile (Adjacent) and William Blane's Captain Kelly (Maiden), but he suffered a setback in the Lady Dudley Cup when Sliebemore was beaten three lengths by the front running Ridgeman.

Two weeks earlier at the Ludlow, Greenall had beaten Keith Johnson and Ridgeman on Song of Life and a fortnight before had dead-heated with the same horse in the Harkaway Club Open on Naughty Niece. This time Ridgeman was never headed.

David Turner's solitary win at the weekend came on fast-finishing Celtic Ranger in the Maiden at the Essex and Suffolk where Lightvale was the most impressive in the Open.

Lightvale and Tim Moore equalled the course record set earlier in the Ladies' by the Lucy Gibbon-ridden Aingers Green, who carried almost two stone less.

First winners

Julian May rode his first winner on Prince Lancing in the Members' at this meeting, a feat matched after a 17-year wait by Stephen Shinton on Beruto in the Pentyrch Maiden.

Tim Rooney, in contrast, completed a century which includes nine wins under Rules when Crosstown took the Pentyrch Adjacent. Brod Munro-Wilson's hopes of a Saturday treble could not have gone further astray.

Artist Rifle finished unplaced in the Esher Cup at Sandown Park, Burn Nooka was pulled up in the Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter and Ghostbuster was pulled up after a circuit in the Quorn Members at Garthorpe.

"He was teething and hated the ground," said Munro-Wilson of Ghostbuster, who will be back between the flags next season.

Close finish

There was a close finish on the Midlands course to the Magneto Pulse Hunt's Challenge. South Wold started the afternoon with a seemingly invincible lead which was further increased when Sweet Diana took the ladies'.

With just the Restricted to go the Pytchley needed 16 points to win and they got them by providing the first and second in the shape of Bardini and Tealby Lad.

Dawn Street made up for a first-fence fall at the Ledbury a week earlier when taking the Hants Ladies', but Logan one of last week's stars when he beat Colonel Henry at the West Street, suffered a reverse in the East Sussex Open won by Disturbed.

TODAY: E. Devon (Stafford Cross, 3m W. Seaton) 2.0.

SATURDAY: Albrighton (Weston Park, Berkeley, Woodford), Devon & Somerset (Holnicote); Essex (Marks Tey); Fernie (Dingley); Lauderdale (Mosshouses); Llangeinor (St Mary Hill); Middleton (Whitwell-on-the-Hill); Old Surrey & Burstow (Penshurst); Pendle Forest & Craven (Gisburn); Teme Valley (Brampton Bryan).

FINAL RUGBY CLUB RECORDS FOR SEASON

LONDON & S. EAST

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Aylesbury	13	1	19	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	24	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bancroft	16	[illegible]	20	378	[illegible]
Barclays Bk	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barking	[illegible]	0	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnet	13	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] CW	26	0	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bp Stortfrd	15	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackheath	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bromley	12	3	19	381	[illegible]
Buckingham	21	1	9	473	[illegible]
Canterbury	[illegible]	[illegible]	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Centaurs	[illegible]	3	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chingford	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Civil Service	11	0	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colchester	25	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ealing	[illegible]	0	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
E Grinstead	24	6	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastleigh	18	0	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esher	15	[illegible]	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eton Manor	[illegible]	[illegible]	11	434	[illegible]
Farnham	18	4	5	428	[illegible]
Finchley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	407	[illegible]
Folkestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gill'ham An	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grasshoppers	24	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harlequins	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harrow	10	0	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] & B	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Havant	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hayward Ht	14	0	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hendon	[illegible]	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Henley	24	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hertford	[illegible]	1	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Wycm	21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Horsham	14	2	19	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Wnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lensbury	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Letwrth GC	17	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lewes	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lloyds Bnk	[illegible]	[illegible]	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ld Cornish	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ldn Irish	18	0	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ld Scottish	10	1	25	372	407

	W	D	L	F	A
Ldn Welsh	22	[illegible]	11	731	[illegible]
Maidenhead	21	[illegible]	[illegible]	504	[illegible]
Maidstone	30	2	8	[illegible]	404
Met Police	15	0	19	513	475
Mill Hill	28	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mitcham	18	[illegible]	11	501	303
Nt West Bk	24	0	15	721	[illegible]
[illegible]	18	1	12	511	[illegible]
Newbury	[illegible]	[illegible]	23	437	502
N Walsham	23	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Park Hse	18	1	11	[illegible]	303
Petersfield	17	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	424
Portsmouth	18	2	16	510	446
Purley	15	2	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Redingensians	14	1	12	385	311
Richmond	11	0	18	487	589
Rosslyn Pk	25	1	12	672	501
Ruislip	28	2	8	[illegible]	298
Saracens	19	0	17	[illegible]	870
Sidcup	27	1	6	[illegible]	221
Slough	13	3	11	[illegible]	391
Southend	22	0	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sudbury Ct	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sutton & E	11	0	1[illegible]	[illegible]	401
Tabard	23	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	100
[illegible]	[illegible]	4	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Twickenham	16	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Portsmth	5	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Up Clapton	3	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wanstead	13	1	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wasps	25	[illegible]	7	734	509
[illegible]	7	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Winchester	11	1	[illegible]	404	656

OLD BOYS

	W	D	L	F	A
Alleynians	25	1	6	705	230
Ashmoleans	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	377	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	201
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	212
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Croydonians	17	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Edwardians	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	207
Freemans	16	2	7	250	185
Gyronians	21	0	6	734	325
Haberdashrs	22	0	9	518	[illegible]
[illegible]	13	4	9	718	[illegible]
Isleworthians	9	2	16	218	[illegible]
Juddians	23	4	2	680	251
[illegible]	25	[illegible]	5	484	174
[illegible]	10	0	21	203	417
[illegible]	2	0	18	297	395
Roseth Man	11	2	14	333	[illegible]
Rutlishians	22	2	5	457	243
U.C.S.	8	0	19	296	437
Whitgiftians	12	1	17	349	341

MIDLANDS

	W	D	L	F	A
Banbury	20	1	15	522	421
Bedford	18	[illegible]	20	830	739
Bedford Ath	12	2	20	402	864
Birmingham	15	[illegible]	17	334	549
Camp Hill	9	3	20	311	453
Coventry	17	4	17	671	592
Derby	[illegible]	4	11	685	421
Dixonians	22	2	10	488	347
Kettering	13	3	18	403	311
Kings Nortn	26	1	10	635	421
Leamington	21	1	15	580	525
Ledbury	23	1	9	655	230
Leicester	28	1	11	963	416
Lichfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	869	256
Lt Buckby	17	0	15	412	273
Luctonians	13	1	15	380	317
Moderns	15	0	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moseley	29	1	12	824	545
Newark	18	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	17	[illegible]	12	441	[illegible]
Northampton	17	[illegible]	16	370	[illegible]
Nottingham	28	[illegible]	8	712	[illegible]
Nuneaton	[illegible]	0	17	[illegible]	686
[illegible] OF	[illegible]	1	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oxford	[illegible]	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Mar	10	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oxford OB	10	3	9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rugby	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	[illegible]	460
Stourbridge	32	0	7	911	[illegible]
[illegible]	21	4	[illegible]	690	[illegible]
Wolv'rhmptn	19	[illegible]	13	434	362
Worcester	8	1	23	337	564

WEST & S. WEST

	W	D	L	F	A
Barnstaple	16	1	21	442	514
Bath	29	1	7	862	266
Berry Hill	31	1	3	922	315
Bodmin	25	1	17	[illegible]	351
Bournemouth	22	1	9	570	318
Bristol	29	3	11	352	404
Bude	22	2	8	573	134
Camborne	34	3	9	871	386
Cmbrn SoM	14	0	15	330	274
Cinderford	26	1	7	665	322
Clifton	19	2	19	609	613
Crediton	22	2	17	486	485
Devizes	9	1	21	351	566
Devnpt Ser	23	1	6	808	326
Dursley	11	3	20	346	617
Exeter	9	1	27	421	967
Exeter Sar	18	1	13	323	351
Falmouth	5	1	36	200	933
Gloucester	31	1	13	1075	515
Hayle	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	405	774
Helston	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	462	391
Illogan Pk	[illegible]	2	11	585	432
Launceston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	841	384
Newquay H	[illegible]	0	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Okehampton	34	1	4	880	328
O Sulians	[illegible]	1	9	437	309
Orrndale	[illegible]	0	5	[illegible]	164
Penryn	[illegible]	2	26	414	[illegible]
Penzance N	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Plymouth A	26	[illegible]	16	[illegible]	578
Redruth	25	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	668
Rdrth Alb	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rdch GSOB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	515
Rdch GsOB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	515
Roseland	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	209	[illegible]
RAF S Mw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	489	[illegible]
RNAS Cldrs	12	0	15	481	[illegible]
St Agnes	13	[illegible]	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Austell	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	[illegible]	572
St Day	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Ives	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Just	[illegible]	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salisbury	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	747	221
Sidmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
S Molton	31	1	11	1016	272
Stithians	20	3	21	482	525
Stroud	22	6	17	837	485
Tiverton	21	3	16	618	507
Torquay A	19	2	12	516	496
Tredilly	9	2	24	262	694
Truro	20	0	24	838	644
Veor	11	2	22	346	506
Wadebridge	18	2	17	510	329
Wellington	9	3	31	368	759
Weston-s-M	19	1	23	852	538
Wimborne	27	1	12	623	311

UNIVERSITIES

	W	D	L	F	A
Cambridge	13	1	9	671	413
Oxford	7	0	16	376	451
Queens	8	0	16	411	459
Trinity Dub	14	1	9	420	387
UCC	12	1	14	337	330
UCD	8	1	11	313	338

WALES

	W	D	L	F	A
Aberavon	18	0	25	712	712
Abertillery	19	1	25	451	773
Bridgend	23	0	18	813	627
Cardiff	33	2	6	1059	430
Crdf HSOB	14	1	19	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cross Keys	10	1	28	450	722
Ebbw Vale	19	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glam Wand	22	1	21	758	833
Llanelli	33	0	12	1096	685
Maesteg	23	1	17	544	639
Neath	36	[illegible]	9	1158	497
Newbridge	24	0	17	[illegible]	551
Newport	37	[illegible]	16	1019	[illegible]
Penarth	2	0	40	215	1570
Pontypool	37	2	4	1275	335
Pontypridd	18	2	20	514	553
S W Police	24	2	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swansea	31	1	10	950	550
Tredegar	13	1	16	406	438

IRELAND

	W	D	L	F	A
Ards	21	1	7	464	123
Ballymena	21	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	385
Bangor	15	0	10	[illegible]	294
Bective	17	1	16	571	480
Blackrock	15	1	9	616	338
Bohemians	9	1	15	282	397
CIYMS	6	0	13	267	357
Collegians	13	0	10	282	387
Cork Con	30	0	2	443	304
C. of Derry	12	1	12	388	342
Dolphin	9	3	14	293	352
Dungannon	12	0	13	301	344
Garryowen	13	3	15	379	373
Greystones	20	1	11	582	364
Instonians	30	1	4	704	321
Lansdowne	21	1	6	480	309
Malone	20	0	7	408	228
O Belvedere	11	1	16	345	398
O Wesley	15	1	15	425	398
St Mary's	8	2	16	396	325
Shannon	19	2	8	448	290
Terenure	13	1	13	336	367
Wanderers	23	0	8	524	328
Y Munster	14	0	12	369	260

NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A
Birkhd Pk	20	1	15	434	353
Broughton P	18	1	22	898	706
Bradfrd & B	17	1	18	388	458
Durham C	24	1	10	831	291
Fylde	19	1	17	838	448
Gosforth	26	0	14	736	478
Halifax	14	1	23	40	500
Headingley	28	1	11	844	416
Harrogate	15	1	29	447	481
Hartlepol R	15	2	13	429	440
Manchester	16	0	34	385	679
Middlesbro	22	1	10	598	330
Morley	32	0	10	705	273
N. Brighton	7	1	29	286	900
Northern	18	0	21	537	618
Orrell	31	2	6	[illegible]	384
Otley	24	4	9	498	333
Preston G.	13	2	30	556	460
Percy Park	25	3	15	602	460
Roundhay	22	0	19	678	634
Sale	38	1	5	[illegible]	387
Sheffield	25	0	18	710	516
Val of Lune	26	3	11	745	510
Wakefield	28	[illegible]	19	627	661
Wilmslow	14	0	21	410	573
Waterloo	28	0	11	825	367
W Hartlepol	32	1	11	804	473

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TROJAN PRINCE TO GIVE HERN FIRST WINNER

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

TROJAN PRINCE, tackling the White Rose Stakes at Ascot today, can provide trainer Dick Hern's first winner this season. The Hern horses have been more backward than most, but latest indications suggest they are steadily running into form.

Trojan Prince made his only appearance last year in a hotly-contested autumn-maiden race at Newmarket. Kala Dancer won it with Shadeed third and Trojan Prince staying on with some promise to take seventh place.

Hern has a more impressive recent record in the White Rose Stakes than any other trainer, having won four of its last 11 runnings.

Cut Above and Milford, the most notable of these Hern winners, both went on to far greater achievements.

Cut Above, second in Shergar's 1981 Irish Derby, then beat a St Leger field that included Shergar and Glint of Gold.

Milford was overshadowed by Troy among the Hern three-year-olds of 1979, but he won the Jupiter Island in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury 11 days ago. Wagoner, who ran with much more prominence to be fifth, is another Gold Cup hope on trial in the Sagaro Stakes.

Wagoner also has the beating of Asir and Petrizzo on Newbury form and that race may give him a fitness advantage over Spicy Story.

El Mansour, fourth in the 1984 Autobar Victoria Cup, can win it this time. He was tackling two fitter horses when third to Air Command and Go Bananas at Newcastle last month and is more favourably handicapped with them now.

Nomination is napped to beat Andartis and Moorgate Man when these three smart winners meet in the EBF Garter Stakes.

TODAY'S ASCOT SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2. 0—Etoile d'Amour	—	2. 0—Purchasepaperchase
2.30—Wagoner		2.30—Longboat
3. 5—El Mansour	3. 5—El Mansour	3. 5—GO BANANA'S (nap)
3.40—Trojan Prince	3.40—Vertige	3.40—Soldat Bleu
4.10—NOMINATION (nap)	4.10—NOMINATION (nap)	4.10—Andartis
4.40—Marooned	4.40—Marooned	4.40—Lobkowiez

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Nomination and Marooned

NEWMARKET NAP.—Marooned (4.40)

TONY STAFFORD.—Go Banana's (3.5)

Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket in record time as well as the Lingfield Derby Trial.

Lost status

Trojan Prince need not be in their class to win this afternoon because the White Rose Stakes has lost status as a classic trial with its prize money now much reduced.

Northern River disappointed in Lanfranco's William Hill Futurity at Doncaster last October. He may still prove the chief threat to Trojan Prince, who is by Troy out of a half-sister to Bruni, the 1975 St Leger winner.

Gildoran, who won the Mono Sagaro Stakes last year as a prelude to his Ascot Gold Cup triumph, tackles this race again today, but he ended 1984 with two poor performances.

Gildoran made no show behind Nomination justified favouritism at Newbury with an impressive display.

Vincent O'Brien has decided not to run Law Society as a replacement for Gold Crest in Saturday's General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

This frees Pat Eddery to ride Bassenthwaite, winner of last year's Middle Park Stakes and runner-up to the 2,000 Guineas second-favourite, Bairn, in Newbury's Greenham Stakes this spring.

Reach and Lightning Dealer, who won last week's Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom were also withdrawn from the 2,000 Guineas at yesterday's declaration stage.

Triptych has been left in the 2,000 Guineas, but is more likely to accompany her stable-companion Aviance (Christy Roche) in tomorrow's 1,000 Guineas.

Course Notes & Hints

Nomination Day's Best

By Our Course Correspondent

NOMINATION*, who justified favouritism on his debut at Newbury, may follow up against stronger opposition in today's Garter Stakes (4.10) at Ascot.

Paul Cole's Dominion colt led throughout to beat Gryphon, his chief market rival, by two and a half lengths.

The remainder of a 12-strong field were eight lengths and more adrift, and Nomination may again make all the running to beat Newmarket winner Andartis and hat-trick seeker, Moorgate Man.

Vertige made a satisfactory reappearance when fourth to the highly-rated Les Arcs at Newmarket last month. Henry Cecil's colt may have the edge over Soldat Bleu in the White Rose Stakes (3.40).

El Mansour, third to Air Command and Go Banana's at Newcastle last time, may reverse form on more favourable terms in the Autobar Victoria Cup (3.5) and Marooned is fancied for the Chobham Apprentice Handicap (4.40).

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:

CATTERICK BRIDGE. — 2.45 Lea Anne Leyton, Ruby James. 4.45 Billy Whiteshoes.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Newmarket and Wincanton "good to firm"; Hereford "firm."

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

ASCOT.—3.5, Air Command (nap); 4.40, The Clown.

Boost for Tree and Eddery

PAT EDDERY, hoping his late switch to Jeremy Tree's Bassenthwaite for Saturday's 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket will give him a third successive victory in the classic, provided a timely boost on stablemate Formaz in yesterday's Somerset Stakes at Bath.

Brother Paul, on the Henry Cecil-trained favourite Henry The Lion, challenged in the straight, but Formaz went away to win by three lengths.

Formaz earned £2,338 towards his cost of 1·75 million dollars, and Jeremy Tree said: "He's a nice big horse who stays well, the further he goes the better, and he might repay some more of the money he cost."

Pat Eddery went to to complete a double on Habs Lad, who had a length to spare over Gilderdale in the Ilchester Handicap.

Suited by track

Ray Laing, his trainer, said: "This is the first time that Habs Lad has really raced and it would have done him a lot of good. This track would not be ideal for him. He will be better on a more galloping course and I'd like to take him to Royal Ascot."

Trevor Rogers, who was disqualified after finishing second on Tycador in the Bagthorpe Selling Stakes at Nottingham yesterday, will pay more interest than normal when Walter Swinburn appears before the Jockey Club disciplinary stewards this morning on a charge of reckless riding.

Rogers was charged with a similar offence after he was considered to have been responsible for the fall of two horses in the race won by Tanaroon, who was sold to Italian bidders for 7,200gns, a price with which trainer Colin Tinkler could not compete.

It was the second time within a week that the Italians had boosted the finances of a Midlands course. Nottingham profited by £4,110 yesterday and on Monday at Warwick, Tinkler's brother Nigel provided the executive a £4,000 fillip when outbidding the same Italians to retain Won Chin.

Henry Cecil took his tally to 14 for the season when Cane Mill and Life Peer completed a double.

Cane Mill, who ran green on his Thirsk debut, easily landed the odds in the Tote Dual Forecast Maiden Stakes (Div. I) and Life Peer proved four lengths too good for odds-on favourite High Skies in Div. II.

From Newmarket

MAROONED TO MAKE AMENDS

By Our Resident Correspondent

Michael Stoute's four-year-old Marooned is expected to gain compensation for his narrow defeat at Newmarket in the Chobham Apprentice Handicap at Ascot today.

Stable-companion Soldat Bleu may make a winning reappearance in the White Rose Stakes and Virgin Isle has an each-way chance in the Autobar Victoria Cup.

ASCOT.—2.0, Etoile d'Amore; 2.30, Asir; 3.5, Virgin Isle; 3.40, Soldat Bleu; 4.10, Andartis; 4.40, Marooned (nap).

CATTERICK BRIDGE.—2.15, Keep It Secret; 2.45, Bothy; 3.45, Examination; 4.45, Hermits Wood.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

ASCOT

Course Winners.—2.30 (2m): Gildoran (2½m twice). 3.5 (7f): Corn Street (1m twice).

Jockeys (since March, 1980). — Piggott 52, Carson 41, Starkey 30, P. Eddery 27, J. Mercer 22, Swinburn 21, Cauthen 20, Rouse 19, Cook 10, Raymond 8.

Trainers.—Harwood 31, Cecil 28, Stoute 25, Hern 21, Dunlop 18, Hills 11, Tree 11, I. Balding 10, Armstrong 10, Thomson Jones 10.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

Path's Sister (4.15, Catterick Bridge), is the only horse listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow engaged today. None of the Flat "twelve" is engaged.

Miller's Tale (John Matthias) makes an impressive winning debut at Bath yesterday.

Ascot programme

EFFECT OF DRAW: No significant advantage.

Advance Official Going: GOOD

2.0 (Jackpot Prefix 1): AUTOBAR STAKES 3-Y-O Fillies Penalty Value £6,784 1m (9 declared)

1 1 ETOILE D'AMORE (Maktoum Al Maktoum), H. Cecil, 9-1 ... S. Cauthen 2
3 33-4 CRIMBOURNE (J. Bird), J. Dunlop, 8-11 ... W. Carson 7
5 00- FORMIDABLE LADY (Mrs R. Newton), W. Wightman, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 5
7 0 GEGOUSH (H.H. Prince Yazid Saud), P. Kelleway, 8-11 ... G. Baxter 4
9 HENS GROVE (Mrs D. Mackinnon), P. Walwyn, 8-11 ... J. Mercer 6
11 0-3 MA PETITE JOLIE (BF) (Miss H. Al Maktoum), M. Stoute, 8-11 ... W. R. Swinburn 9
13 3- PERFECT MATCH (A. Clore), B. Hills, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 3
14 02- PURCHASEPAPERCHASE (J. Bray), R. Armstrong, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 1
15 0- TOLGA (Sheikh Mohammed), I. Balding, 8-11 ... J. Matthias 8

S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Etoile d'Amore, 4 Purchasepaperchase, 5 Ma Petite Jolie, 6 Crimbourne, Perfect Match, 12 Hens Grove, 20 others.

1984: Brocade 9-1 A. Clark 4-6F G. Harwood. 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Etoile d'Amore beat Oscura (level) by ¾l at Newmarket (7f) April 16 with Ma Petite Jolie (level), ¾l away 3rd, Crimbourne (level), a further 1½l away 4th and Gegoush (level), out of first 9 (good). Purchasepaperchase was beaten sh hd by Adjanada (level) at Newmarket (7f) Nov. 3 (good). Perfect Match was beaten sh hd and 2l when 3rd to Pharjoy (level) at Doncaster (6f) Nov. 9 (soft).

PURCHASEPAPERCHASE may go one better. Ma Petite Jolie next best.

TV (BBC-1) 2.0, 2.30, 3.5 & 3.40

2.30 (Prefix 2): MONO SAGARO STAKES £15,171 2m (11)

1 01144-0 GILDORAN (CD) (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 5 9-3 ... B. Thomson 1
2 04132-0 HARLY (D) (N. Shamib), J. Dunlop, 5 8-11 ... B. Raymond 4
3 10313-0 WAGONER (A. Oldrey), P. Walwyn, 5 8-11 ... J. Mercer 6
4 04003-0 ASIR (W. Mullins), P. Kelleway, 5 8-8 ... S. Cauthen 2
5 0 BIG WHITE CHIEF (K. Lockwood), J. P. Smith, 4 8-8 N. Day 8
6 DESERT ORCHID (R. Burridge), D. Elsworth, 6 8-8 B. Rouse 7
7 05012-0 DESTROYER (D) (D. Muir), K. Brassey, 4 8-8 S. Whitworth 9
8 115123- LONGBOAT (R. Hollingsworth), W. Hern, 4 8-8 ... W. Carson 3
9 303D0-0 PETRIZZO (C. Elliott), C. Brittain, 4 8-8 ... G. Starkey 5
10 13100-0 PRIME ASSET (Mrs P. Yong), W. O'Gorman, 4 8-8 ... T. Ives 10
12 233012- SPICY STORY (D) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 4 8-8 ... P. Eddery 11

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Gildoran, 3 Wagoner, 9-2 Longboat, 8 Harly, 10 Spicy Story, 12 Asir, Petrizzo, 20 others.

1984: Gildoran 4 8-8 S. Cauthen 11-2 B. Hills. 7 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Wagoner was beaten about 5l when 5th to Jupiter Island (gave 3lb) at Newbury (1½m) April 20 with Petrizzo (rec 3lb), 8l away 7th, Asir (rec 3lb), a further sk away 9th, Gildoran (gave 3lb) and Harly (level), out of first 9 of 14 (good). Prime Asset was beaten 18½l when 10th of 19 to Go Banana's (rec 25lb) at Newbury (1m) April 20 (good). Destroyer was beaten 13½l when 5th to Floyd (rec 35lb) at Kempton (2m) April 6 (good to soft). Spicy Story was beaten 1¼l by Rough Pearl (level) at San Siro (1¾m) Sept. 30 (good). Longboat was beaten 2½l when 3rd to Bedtime (gave 12lb) over today's course (1½m) Sept. 27 (good to firm). Desert Orchid has top-class form to his credit over hurdles this season.

LONGBOAT choice on form. Wagoner pick of others.

3.5 (Prefix 3): AUTOBAR VICTORIA CUP HANDICAP £12,759 7f (24)

1 12112-0 SWINGING REBEL (BL) (D) (Mrs G. Waddingham), N. Vigors, 7 9-10 ... P. Cook 5
2 000-103 CREWS HILL (C. Henry), Mrs C. Reavey, 9 9-8 ... N. Day 7
3 24321-0 SHMAIREEKH (D) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum), P. Walwyn, 4 9-8 ... J. Mercer 22
4 0200-00 THRONE OF GLORY (Capt. M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 4 9-7 ... G. Starkey 15
5 1/0140-0 BOBBY DAZZLER (BL) (R. Morley), D. Laing, 4 9-6 ... J. Reid 14
6 240-111 AIR COMMAND (D) (Mrs I. Ryles), Mrs G. Reveley, 5 9-4 (6lb ex) ... E. Guest (5) 17
7 100-021 GO BANANA'S (Mrs K. Ivory), K. Ivory, 4 9-3 (6lb ex) ... R. Cochrane 20
8 22-1000 PHARLIOU (K. Hsu), R. Armstrong, 4 8-13 ... S. Cauthen 1
9 43200-3 EL MANSOUR (D) (P. Newton), J. W. Watts, 6 8-9 T. Ives 21
10 421040- ASHLEY ROCKET (Mrs W. Fine), W. Musson, 4 8-9 ... P. Eddery 11
11 0042-00 RANA PRATAP (D) (BL) (Mrs G. Thornberry), G. Lewis, 5 8-9 ... P. Waldron 12
12 31/300-3 TUG TOP (Greenland Park Ltd), W. Hastings-Bass, 4 8-8 ... R. Lines (5) 3
13 101301- VALLEY MILLS (D) (D. Moore), T. Barron, 5 8-8 T. Quinn 8
14 3000-00 FOOT PATROL (Miss L. Evans), P. Cundell, 4 8-7 A. McGlone 16
15 10010-0 KORYPHEOS (D) (C. Papaioannou), P. Mitchell, 6 8-7 ... B. Raymond 23
16 2000-34 DETROIT SAM (D) (D. Wickins), R. Akehurst, 4 8-7 B. Rouse 19
17 2540-04 BATON BOY (D) (A. Wragg), M. Lambert, 4 8-6 L. Charnock 13
18 1110-00 TREMBLANT (D) (K. Abdulla), R. Smyth, 4 8-5 ... W. Carson 24
19 04-0003 CORN STREET (C) (M. Wilkins), J. Bosley, 7 8-4 D. Brown (7) 9
20 140000- SUPER TRIP (J. Maxwell), G. Hunter, 4 8-1 ... R. Fox 10
21 20000-3 TRY TO STOP ME (A. Wilkinson), Denys Smith, 4 7-13 M. Fry 4
22 0021-10 HIGH PITCHED (D) (B. Pettis), M. Haynes, 6 7-9 ... C. Rutter (5) 2
23 1310-00 VIRGIN ISLE (D) (T. Ellis), P. Haslam, 4 7-9 T. Williams (5) 3
24 000030- RUNNING BULL (D) (N. Foreman), M. Masson, 6 7-7 ... S. Dawson (3) 18

S.P. FORECAST: 5 Go Banana's, 6 Air Command, 8 Ashley Rocket, Try To Stop Me, 10 Pharliou, 12 El Mansour, Valley Mills, Shmaireekh, Tug Top, 14 Detroit Sam, Crews Hill, 20 others.

1984: Mummy's Pleasure 5 8-9 B. Raymond 14-1 P. Haslam. 13 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Air Command beat Pencourt (gave 14lb) by 1l at Chepstow (6f) April 18 (soft). Go Banana's beat Portlaw (gave 13lb) by 12l at Newbury (1m) April 20 with Corn Street (rec 10lb), ½l away 3rd, Detroit Sam (rec 1lb), a further ¾l away 4th. Swinging Rebel (gave 16lb), another 4¼l away 9th. Throne of Glory (gave 13lb). Bobby Dazzler (rec 12lb) and Foot Patrol (rec 1lb), out of first 9 of 19 (good). Earlier, Go Banana's was disqualified after being beaten 10l when 3rd to Cataldi (gave 14lb) at Doncaster (1m) March 23 with Try To Stop Me (rec 8lb), 1l away 4th (placed 3rd), Rana Pratap (gave 2lb), 11th and Tremblant (rec 5lb), 19th of 26 (soft). El Mansour was beaten nk and 5l when 3rd behind Air Command (rec 9lb) and Go Banana's (rec 2lb) at Newcastle (7f) April 6 with Baton Boy (rec 3lb), ½l away 4th, Shmaireekh (gave 13lb), a further 9l away 6th and Crews Hill (gave 17lb), last of 12 (soft).

GO BANANA'S may foil Air Command four-timer attempt.

3.40 (Prefix 4): WHITE ROSE STAKES 3-Y-O £6,617 1¼m (7)

1 310- NORTHERN RIVER (Mrs J. Silcock), J. Dunlop, 9-7 P. Eddery 7
2 2310-0 CARILLON (Sheikh Fahed), G. Huffer, 9-0 ... M. Rimmer 3
4 4120- SOLDAT BLEU (Mana Al Maktoum), M. Stoute, 9-0 ... W. R. Swinburn 1
5 1020-4 VERTIGE (D. Wildenstein), H. Cecil, 9-0 ... S. Cauthen 4
8 0-0 FUSILIER (R. Richards), C. Brittain, 8-9 ... A. Loquest 6
9 43-0 THE FOOTMAN (P. Powell), D. Elsworth, 8-9 ... B. Rouse 5
10 0- TROJAN PRINCE (Sheikh Mohammed), W. Hern, 8-9 ... W. Carson 2

S.P. FORECAST: 10-11 Vertige, 7-2 Soldat Bleu, 4 Trojan Prince, 8 Northern River, 12 Carillon, 16 others.

1984: Kirmann 8-9 S. Cauthen 11-1 R. Houghton. 12-1.

FORM GUIDE.—Vertige was beaten 3¼l when 4th to Les Arcs (rec 7lb) at Newmarket (1m 1f) April 18 (good). Carillon was beaten 13½l when 6th of 11 to Four For Uncle (rec 17lb) at Kempton (1¼m) April 6 (good to soft). Fusilier was last of 8 to Witchcraft (level) at Haydock (1¼m 131y) April 6 (soft). The Footman was beaten 27l when 9th of 16 to Skaramanga (level) at Newbury (1m 3f) April 19 (good). Soldat Bleu was beaten 5¼l when 5th of 9 to Oh So Sharp (rec 3lb) at Sandown (7f) Sept. 1 (good to firm). Northern River was 9th of 10 to Lanfranco (level) at Doncaster (1m) Oct. 27 (good to soft). Trojan Prince was beaten 9½l when 7th of 28 to Kala Dancer (level) at Newmarket (7f) Oct. 5 (good to soft).

SOLDAT BLEU may beat Vertige.

4.10 (Prefix 5): GARTER STAKES 2-Y-O £6,087 5f (6)

1 1 ANDARTIS (D) (Mrs H. Cambanis), B. Hobbs, 9-1 G. Baxter 5
2 11 MOORGATE MAN (D) (D. King), R. Boss, 9-1 ... M. Miller 3
3 1 NOMINATION (D) (F. Salman), P. Cole, 9-1 ... T. Quinn 2
4 HIDDEN GIFT (A. Larsson), C. Nelson, 8-11 ... S. Cauthen 4
6 4 ROYAL BERKS (R. Richards), C. Brittain, 8-11 ... W. Carson 1
7 2 SHELHOUB (H.H. Prince Yazid Saud), R. Sheather, 8-11 ... R. Cochrane 6

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Andartis, 15-8 Nomination, 4 Moorgate Man, 10 Shelhoub, 16 Hidden Gift, 20 Royal Berks.

1984: Primo Dominie 8-11 J. Reid 5-6F B. Swift. 7 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Andartis beat Meadow Moor (level) by 1½l at Newmarket (5f) April 16 (good). Nomination beat Gryphon (level) by 2½l at Newbury (5f) April 19 with Royal Berks (level), 9½l away 4th (good). Moorgate Man beat Delta Lima (rec 5lb) by 5l at Windsor (5f) April 22 (good to firm). Shelhoub was beaten 2½l by Fayruz (level) at Windsor (5f) April 22 (good to firm).

ANDARTIS is preferred to Nomination.

4.40 (Prefix 6): CHOBHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP £2,607 1½m (11)

1 124-2 MAROONED (BF) (J. Greetham), M. Stoute, 4 9-10 ... K. Bradshaw (3) 4
2 420-000 AXIOS (BL) (Mrs H. Cambanis), B. Hobbs, 4 9-9 J. Brown (10) 11
3 0104-10 LOBKOWIEZ (D) (BF) (A. Richards), C. Brittain, 6 9-6 (4lb ex) ... Gay Kelleway 8
5 10220-0 GOING GOING (D) (H. Candy), H. Candy, 6 9-5 ... G. Silvester (10) 9
6 00-0300 WIDD (D) (T. Mills), D. Mills, 8 9-0 ... G. Landau (3) 5
7 1333-00 STATE BUDGET (L. Budgen), W. Musson, 4 8-13 P. John (5) 1
9 05020/0 MASTER BOATMAN (A.P.D. Insulations Group Ltd), P. M. Taylor, 6 8-11 ... N. Adams 3
11 12040-0 BEN'S BIRDIE (D) (Mrs A. Tompkins), M. Tompkins, 5 8-8 ... W. Woods 2
13 00-03 THE CLOWN (G. Greenwood), M. Naughton, 4 7-11 S. Dawson 10
14 000000- MONSOON (H. Singh), Peter Taylor, 4 7-9 ... C. Rutter 7
15 00440-0 COFFEE HOUSE (D) (Mrs I. Balding), I. Balding, 10 7-7 ... S. O'Gorman (3) 6

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Marooned, 3 Lobkowiez, 9-2 The Clown, 6 Going Going, 8 State Budget, 10 Ben's Birdie, 12 Axios, 20 others.

1984: Pontin Boy 5 7-13 T. Hellier 20-1 Thomson Jones. 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Marooned was beaten nk by Clanrallier (rec 11lb) at Newmarket (1½m) April 18 with Going Going (rec 12lb), more than 7l away 7th and Axios (rec 5lb), out of first 9 of 15 (good). Ben's Birdie was beaten 14l when 5th to Lyphmachus (rec 10lb) at Nottingham (1¼m) April 8 (heavy). Widd was beaten 12l when 7th to Temple Bar (gave 9lb) at Windsor (1m 3f 150y) April 22 with Master Boatman (rec 1lb), out of first 9 of 19 (good to firm). Lobkowiez was beaten 6¾l when 5th to Redden (rec 12lb) at Epsom (1¼m) April 23 (good). The Clown was beaten 3½l when 3rd to Art Edict (gave 11lb) at Pontefract (1½m) April 24 (good).

LOBKOWIEZ may make amends at chief expense of Marooned.

Catterick Bridge fields

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Keep It Secret	2.15—Nations Fandango
2.45—Our Dudley	2.45—Jarmila
3.15—Tanfen	3.15—Trade High
3.45—Examination	3.45—Lady Chantry
4.15—Paths Sister	4.15—Secret Finale
4.45—Hermits Wood	4.45—Bold Lassie

EFFECT OF DRAW: Low numbers best up to 7f.

Advance official going: GOOD

2.15: SEDBURY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES 2-Y-O Penalty Value £615 5f (16 declared)

3 Keep It Secret, B. Hobbs, 8-8 A. Barclay 8
4 4 Neds Express, C. Tinkler, 8-8 ... M. Birch 11
6 00 Deccan Princess, G. Oldroyd, 8-5 M. Wood 12
10 434 Nations Fandango (BL), R. Stubbs, 8-5 ... D. Nicholls 1
11 Poplar, T. Fairhurst, 8-5 ... C. Coates (5) 15
12 Winding Path, R. Hollinshead, 8-5 ... W. Ryan (3) 5
13 0 Dragon Slayer, M. W. Easterby, 8-2 ... C. Dwyer 7
14 Flying Parade, R. Woodhouse, 8-2 ... K. Hodgson 3
16 Pathos, A. Robson, 8-2 ... J. Bleasdale 9
17 00 Princess Pamela, P. Felgate, 8-2 G. Duffield 10
18 4 Puncle Creak, G. Moore, 8-2 N. Carlisle 13
20 0 Fur Baby, G. Harman, 7-13 ... J. Quinn (7) 6
21 00 Glenearn, M. W. Easterby, 7-13 J. Lowe 2
22 Jaysune, J. Rowlands, 7-13 ... M. Beecroft 4
23 20 Robis, Mrs N. Macauley, 7-13 A. Mackay 14
24 0 Teron Queen, M. Chapman, 7-13 D. Dineley 16

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Keep It Secret, 3 Dragon Slayer, 4 Nations Fandango, 9-2 Neds Express, 7 Robis, 10 Princess Pamela.

2.45: JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES 3-Y-O £1,044 1½m 40y (14)

1 201-030 Barcham Prince, G. Moore, 8-10 A. Crook 11
2 0-00 Bothy, D. Morley, 8-10 ... G. Duffield 6
3 00- Frisky Hope, W. Pearce, 8-10 N. Connorton 14
5 Green Market, A. Robson, 8-10 J. Bleasdale 5
7 Lea Anne Leyton (BL), R. Woodhouse, 8-10 ... M. Hindley (5) 8
8 000-00 Optimessa, R. Hollinshead, 8-10 S. Perks 2
9 0043-00 Our Dudley, D. Chapman, 8-10 D. Nicholls 7
11 00000- The Ribs, K. Stone, 8-10 ... C. Dwyer 4
12 0000-0 Tomtredlehoyle, S. Norton, 8-10 ... J. Lowe 10
13 0000-00 Ali's Comet, B. Richmond, 8-7 E. Johnson 3
15 00-000 Grey Coral, T. Fairhurst, 8-7 C. Coates (5) 13
17 400-231 Jarmila (BL), W. Wharton, 8-7 M. Birch 12
18 000-0 Ruby James (BL), T. Barron, 8-7 S. Webster 1
20 0-403 Young April, W. Haigh, 8-7 ... R. Hills 9

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Jarmila, 5-2 Barcham Prince, 9-2 Our Dudley, 6 Young April, 8 Tomtredlehoyle, 10 Optimessa, 14 others.

3.15: SPRING HANDICAP £1,371 6f (13)

1 10010-0 Spoilt For Choice (C) (D), D. Chapman, 7 9-11 ... D. Nicholls 13
3 0-32430 Biesalt, W. Pearce, 5 9-4 N. Connorton 6
4 300-000 Pergoda (C), I. Vickers, 7 9-1 R. Fabry (7) 8
5 000000- Nellie Bly, M. H. Easterby, 4 9-0 M. Birch 9
6 0000/0-0 Zenyattia, Denys Smith, 5 9-0 ... D. Leadbitter (5) 11
7 0000-10 Gods Solution (CD), T. Barron, 4 8-11 ... S. Webster 3
9 300-001 Trade High (D), I. Vickers, 6 8-6 (7lb ex) ... R. Hills 4
10 02300-0 Pokerfayes (BL), S. McMahon, 6 8-5 ... A. Mackay 10
13 0000-34 Tanfen, T. Craig, 4 8-0 ... N. Carlisle 7
15 00000/0 Autumn Ballet (BL), A. Scott, 6 7-12 ... J. Lowe 5
18 04000-0 Off Your Mark (D), G. Calvert, 5 7-9 ... K. Darley 1
19 2/00200- Ferryboat, I. Jordon, 5 7-9 ... B. Crossley 12
20 0030-40 Shanouska (D) (BF), J. Harris, 5 7-8 ... A. Proud 3

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Trade High, 4 Pokerfayes, 11-2 Tanfen, 6 Shanouska, 8 Gods Solution, 10 Biesalt, Spoilt For Choice, 14 others.

3.45: RICHMOND STAKES 2-Y-O £1,112 5f (9)

1 31232 Dublin Lad (CD), M. Brittain, 9-2 ... B. Coogan 2
2 11 Lady Chantry (CD), T. Barron, 9-2 ... S. Webster 5
3 01 Cabask (D), J. Berry, 8-13 ... K. Darley 8
6 F3 Examination, A. Bailey, 8-11 ... A. Bond 7
7 Fandango Boy, F. Carr, 8-11 ... J. Carr (7) 6
8 Master Moses, J. Jefferson, 8-11 M. Birch 9
9 Oriental Express, F. Carr, 8-11 ... N. Connorton 4
11 0 Dubliniere, J. Rowlands, 8-8 M. Beecroft 3
13 Mayor, M. Leach, 8-8 ... —
15 Mayor, M. Leach, 8-8 ... —

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Lady Chantry, 9-4 Dublin Lad, 5 Cabask, 6 Examination, 10 Oriental Express, 16 others.

4.15: BRIDGE HANDICAP £1,844 1m 7f 180y (18)

1 03034/0- Gamon, M. Leach, 5 9-10 ... D. Nicholls 12
2 02134-0 Strathconon (C), Miss S. Hall, 4 9-8 ... K. Hodgson 4
3 3540-03 Red Duster (CD), T. Fairhurst, 5 9-5 ... S. Webster 14
5 0030/00 Yarborough, W. Pearce, 4 9-4 S. Keightley 9
6 14021-0 Path's Sister (BF), C. Thornton, 4 9-4 ... J. Bleasdale 8
8 00040-0 Papageno (BL) M. Lambert, 4 9-2 K. Darley 6
11 020/201- Hot Betty, Ron Thompson, 5 8-13 ... D. Lockwood (7) 1
13 000010 Carneades (CD), M. H. Easterby, 5 8-12 ... M. Birch 18
15 04002-2 Secret Finale, M. Lambert, 6 8-9 D. Oldham 12
16 32000-0 Special Settlement, R. Allan, 4 8-9 ... C. Dwyer 11
17 004050- Stone Jug, Miss S. Hall, 5 8-9 M. Wigham 10
18 001400- Stay Sharp, B. Richmond, 5 8-8 E. Johnson 7
21 00500/1 Holly Buoy, Mrs G. Reveley, 5 8-5 (4lb ex) ... A. Proud 16
22 On Leave (BL), A. Scott, 8 8-3 J. Lowe 5
23 00-0 Jiljapa, T. Incisa, 4 8-3 ... O. Gray 2
24 30000-0 Hydrangea, D. Chapman, 6 8-15 ... P. Griffiths (5) 15
25 0/0000-0 Valerose, J. Kettlewell, 5 8-0 R. P. Elliott 3
26 004000- Busty Bay, M. Chapman, 11 8-0 D. Dineley 17

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Secret Finale, 9-2 Paths Sister, 6 Red Duster, 7 Strathconon, 8 Carneades, 10 Holly Buoy, 12 On Leave, Special Settlement, 16 others.

4.45: HURGILL LODGE STAKES 3-Y-O £748 7f (20)

2 1 Bold Lassie, G. Hunter, 9-2 G. Duffield 8
3 0304-20 Argyll Major, Denys Smith, 9-0 ... D. Leadbitter (5) 20
4 4040-0 Billy Whiteshoes (BL), J. Hindley, 9-0 ... A. Shoults (5) 16
5 0 Butt Of Lewis, J. Rowlands, 9-0 M. Beecroft 13
6 0-0 Cut A Caper, J. W. Watts, 9-0 ... N. Connorton 2
8 3022- Foxy Dyke, W. Jarvis, 9-0 ... — 17
9 00400- Hoptons Chance, S. Wiles, 9-0 S. Keightley 5
12 00- Night Guest, J. Haldane, 9-0 ... K. Darley 14
14 000 Run For Fred, J. Parkes, 9-0 S. Webster 4
19 300-040 Decision Mate, Ron Thompson, 8-11 ... L. Charnock 12
20 00-22 Hermits Wood, R. Hobbs, 8-11 A. Barclay 9
21 002 It Happens, W. Wharton, 8-11 W. Ryan (3) 20
22 003202- Jesterina, E. Eldin, 8-11 ... A. Mackay 7
25 Malaquette, M. H. Easterby, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 8
26 Meganet, M. Leach, 8-11 ... D. Nicholls 15
28 000000- Our Simmie, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 S. Perks 11
29 002-00 Qualitair Lady, K. Stone, 8-11 G. Brown (7) 18
30 0030-2 Silent Gain, W. Guest, 8-11 ... A. Bond 19
31 030- Stay Tender, Ron Thompson, 8-11 J. Lowe 6
32 00000- Tolly's Best, Mrs L. Reavey, 8-11 ... B. Crossley 1

Foxy Dyke non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Bold Lassie, 3 Hermits Wood, 4 Silent Gain, 11-2 Billy Whiteshoes, 8 It Happens, 12 Cut A Caper, 14 others.

KELSO CARD AND RIDING PLANS

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.30—Dawn Diver	2.30—The Small Miracle
3. 0—Tot	3. 0—Boy Sandford
3.30—Amber Rambler	3.30—Tharaleos
4. 0—Gearys Cold Rolled	4. 0—Worthy Heiress
4.30—Youghal	4.30—Youghal
5. 0—Bounty's Crown	5. 0—Bounty's Clown

Advance official going: GOOD

2.30: MELLERSTAIN NOVICES' 'CHASE Penalty Value £851 2m 196y (14 declared)

1 13024F The Small Miracle, N. Bycroft, 7 11-10 ... P. A. Charlton
3 53304U Dawn Diver (BF), N. Crump, 8 11-0 ... C. Hawkins
4 2-40024 Fjording, N. Tinkler, 7 11-0 ... N. Tinkler
5 PF0000 Fort Nelson, W. A. Stephenson, 7 11-0 ... Mr P. J. Dun
6 0FFU34 Gray Thatch, C. Parker, 9 11-0 S. Charlton
7 4-33F00 Hold Off (BL), Miss H. Hamilton, 8 11-0 ... R. Lamb
9 00-000F Impany, R. Robinson, 6 11-0 C. Fairhurst
11 F2-3040 Park Tower, P. Monteith, 7 11-0 D. Nolan
12 0/4003-0 Right Charlie, J. Alder, 10 11-0 ... Mrs V. Jackson (4)
14 3-00030 The Ridings, R. Tate, 6 11-0 ... P. Tuck
15 22-240F Trafalgar Bill, C. Parker, 8 11-0 B. Storey
17 P/00P Cool Kit, C. Douglas, 9 10-9 ... —
18 UP0022 The Howlet (BF), K. Oliver, 6 10-9 T. G. Dun
19 000400 Wayz Goose (BL), Mrs Hutchison, Bradburne 7 10-9 ... Mrs S. Bradburne

Cool Kit non-runner, states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 The Small Miracle, 11-4 Dawn Diver, 9-2 The Howlet, 15-2 Hold Off, 8 Gray Thatch, 12, others.

3.0: ROXBURGHE HANDICAP HURDLE £830 2m (8)

3 545-123 Boy Sandford (D), J. Mackie, 6 11-8 ... P. Tuck
4 1-00130 Mount Rule (D), D. Yeoman, 5 11-4 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
5 0212-00 Ragabury (D), R. Fisher, 5 10-10 C. Grant
6 2410F4 Tot (CD), Denys Smith, 5 10-7 ... D. Thompson (7)
7 043200 High Drop (BL) (D) (BF), F. Storey, 5 10-5 ... B. Storey
8 3010-00 Major Rock (D), T. Barnes, 6 10-5 M. Barnes
9 41-0040 Regal Express (D), H. Wharton, 5 10-2 ... D. Dutton
12 12F/0-P0 Connector (CD), D. Yeoman, 6 10-0 ... C. Hawkins

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Boy Sandford, 5-2 Tot, 11-2 Mount Rule, 15-2 High Drop, 10 Ragabury, 12 others.

3.30: TIM DOODY ROAD MARKING NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE £1,143 2m (17)

1 00 In Style, T. Jeffrey, 4 11-12 Mr T. Jeffrey (7)
3 0-12140 Amber Rambler (D), H. Wharton, 6 11-8 ... P. Tuck
4 3-13 Tharaleos (BF), F. Watson, 5 11-5 R. Lamb
5 030400 Bettabet Geraghty (D), Miss S. Hall, 7 10-13 ... P. A. Charlton
6 P02-040 Royal Radar, D. Moorhead, 9 10-10 ... D. Condell (7)
7 000 Sharp Song, T. Fairhurst, 4 10-4 C. Fairhurst
11 05-000 Uptown, A. Bates, 5 10-0 Mr J. Quinn (7)
12 400004 Rushyford, W. A. Stephenson, 7 10-0 ... Mr M. Thompson (7)
13 000000 Aqua Verde, M. Kellett, 6 10-0 B. Storey
15 005400 Hasty Import, T. Robson, 6 10-0 Miss R. Lock
17 041051 Cool Jamie (D), R. Allan, 4 10-0 J. K. Kinane
18 000F20 Rhein Lad, T. Barnes, 5 10-0 M. Barnes
19 200 Paddy Bayton, S. Leadbetter, 4 10-0 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
21 30P0P0 Darra, R. Jeffrey, 4 10-0 J. Brough (7)
22 000300 River Lune, K. Stone, 4 10-0 ... D. Dutton
24 032100 Edweet, W. Storey, 4 10-0 Miss F. Storey (4)
25 00-P Reliable Vyna, M. Redden, 5 10-0 ... —

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Amber Rambler, 4 Cool Jamie, 11-2 Tharaleos, 13-2 Rushyford, Bettabet Geraghty, 8 Edweet, 12 Rhein Lad, 16 others.

4.0: HADDINGTON JUBILEE CUP HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,303 2¾m (10)

3 003031 Worthy Heiress (CD), E. Robson, 10 11-11 (8lb ex) ... A. Stringer
6 0/4111-4 Mr Coggy (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 9 11-7 ... Mr P. J. Dun
7 10540-0 Dusky Duke (C), W. A. Stephenson, 10 11-7 ... R. Lamb
8 30/4-00P Blackhawk Star (C), K. Oliver, 11 11-6 ... T. G. Dun
9 0510FP Swift Albany, R. Robinson, 11 11-5 ... D. Wilkinson
10 F24402 Jetharts Here (C), G. Renilson, 11 11-5 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
11 040004 Gearys Cold Rolled, Denys Smith, 8 11-1 ... C. Grant
12 013P-30 Ballyier (C), H. Wharton, 10 11-1 P. Tuck
13 1/0-PP00 Misty Rascal (CD), W. Crawford, 10 11-1 ... S. Charlton
15 323024 Little Frenchman (CD) (BF), E. Robson, 13 11-0 ... C. Pimlott

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Worthy Heiress, 3 Jetharts Here, 9-2 Gearys Cold Rolled, 6 Little Frenchman, 8 Mr Coggy, 12 Dusky Duke, 16 others.

4.30: S M T UNITED BORDER HUNT 'CHASE (Amateur Riders) £1,085 3m (12)

2 3204-34 Melodic Lad, W. Lamarque, 10 12-7 ... T. D. Smith (7)
4 U-34111 Youghal (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 9 12-7 ... J. Greenall (7)
5 43-0204 Arthur Bell's (D), J. Wight, 9 12-4 ... A. Wight (7)
6 44F-310 Rabinski (D), J. Hellens, 10 12-4 T. Reed (4)
7 00-0214 Miss Colonette (CD), Mrs C. Braithwaite, 8 12-3 ... R. Drysdale (7)
8 543-000 Bobjob (D), J. Brockbank, 12 12-0 ... T. Brockbank (7)
9 000/0 Can't Catch Me, Mrs S. Ward, 8 12-0 ... R. Blane (7)
10 135P-03 Carpenter's Silk, D. Roxburgh, 9 12-0 ... J. Greenick (7)
13 Free Bond, R. Bartlett, 8 12-0 ... Mr R. A. Bartlett (7)
15 Upest, Mrs W. Tullie, 11 12-0 ... Miss L. Dun (7)
17 Drummond Lass, A. Crow, 10 11-9 ... A. Crow (7)
18 004/0-P0 Satinanda, F. Walton, 7 11-9 ... J. Walton

S.P. FORECAST: 8-15 Youghal, 11-2 Carpenter's Silk, 7 Miss Colonette, 12 Arthur Bell's, 16 Bobjob, 20 others.

5.0: HUME AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES' HURDLE £682 3m 1f 120y (22)

2 P0P-000 Bedford Row, J. Redfern, 5 12-0 ... E. Waggott (7)
4 3P02F3 Black Combe, R. Fisher, 7 12-0 J. O'Shea (7)
5 0003 Bounty's Clown, R. Shiels, 5 12-0 R. Shiels (7)
6 0 Bronze Apollo, C. Alexander, 5 12-0 ... J. Greenick (7)
8 400 Dan d'Or, E. Robson, 7 12-0 T. Reed (4)
9 0 Dark Discovery, J. Mooney, 8 12-0 A. Wight (7)
10 000F00 Frosty Touch, Mrs E. Slack, 7 12-0 ... Miss D. Slack (7)
11 00000 Goldiecks, T. Robson, 7 12-0 ... Miss R. Lock (7)
13 Gunnawin, J. Thompson, 6 12-0 P. Craggs
14 0-0000P Must Fly, W. A. Stephenson, 7 12-0 P. J. Dun
16 B03FF0 Telegraph Bush, G. Renilson, 8 12-0 ... K. Anderson (7)
17 000-00 Walk Along, J. Hubbuck, 6 12-0 ... Miss F. Storey (7)
18 0-40 Whispering Knight, R. Goldie, 7 12-0 R. Beggan
19 F/P- Abydam, Mrs A. Phipps, 7 11-9 H. Phipps (4)
20 Another Brig, Mrs A. Hamilton, 6 11-9 ... P. Johnson (7)
21 004002 Cheeny's Brig, A. Mactaggart, 5 11-9 ... —
23 000000 Colislace, H. McConnell, 7 11-9 ... Mrs A. Robertson (7)
24 0000 Rebel's Fancy, F. Walton, 5 11-9 J. Walton
25 00-00 Right Cloudy, P. Liddle, 7 11-9 J. Quinn (7)
26 0 River Song, D. Darling, 6 11-9 D. Darling (7)
27 P00000 Sweetly Given, R. Allan, 5 11-9 ... Mrs V. Jackson (7)
28 004-0 Virago Lady, Mrs G. Reveley, 6 11-9 ... G. Harker (4)

Cheeny's Brig non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Bounty's Clown, 11-4 Black Combe, 9-2 Dan Dan d'Or, 7 Walk Along, Whispering Knight, 9 Must Fly, 12 others.

Yesterday's Flat-race results and SP

BATH

Going: GOOD

2.15: SPAS STKS 3-Y-O Penalty Value £777 1m 5y

SPALMATORI, b g Reform—Another Princess (D. Willis), 8-7 ... R. Guest ... 2-2 1

HIGHDALE, b f Hillandale—Fast Book (Mrs M. Stevens), 8-4 ... D. McKay ... 16-1 2

ROYAL BEAR, gr c Rupert Bear—Queen's Leap (E. Monaghan), 8-7 ... N. Day ... 14-1 3

Also: 5-2F Liffey Rose (4th), 4 Disting (6th), 6 Brady's Lady (5th), 15-2 Pamela Come Home, 11 Tree-Bouchon, Mirapolis, 14 Prince of Love, 25 Nail, 33 Silly Question. 12 ran. 4l, 2l, 5l, 1½l, ½l. (M. Madgwick, Denmead.) Tote: Win, £7·80; places, £2·00, £4·40, £3·90; Dual F'cast: £265·30; SPSF: £52·60. NRs: Cradle Point, French Emperor.

No bid for winner

2.45: BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STKS 3-Y-O £1,470 1m 3f 150y

MILLER'S TALE, b c Mill Reef—Canterbury Tale (P. Mellon), 9-0 ... J. Matthias ... 6-4F 1

BOGGY PEAK, b f Shirley Heights—River Aire (J. Morrison), 8-11 ... P. Eddery ... 5-1 2

STORM CLOUD, ch c High Line—Rainbow's End (B T R B Pic), 9-0 ... T. Quinn ... 33-1 3

Also: 4 Song Master, 15-2 White Rose (5th), 11 Wallah Wasel, 12 Chakko (4th), Jawaab, 14 Bazook, 33 Aloha River, East Street, Ela-Ra-Koumpare (6th), High Wire, Hi-Tech Boy, Nicolene's Hope, Synchronicity, Taxalus, Unfettered, Hovian, Parma Nova. 20 ran. 7l, 1l, ½l, 2½l, 4l. (I. Balding, Kingsclere.) Tote: Win, £2·70; places, £1·40, £1·50, £4·30; Dual F'cast: £1·40; SPSF: £10·48.

3.15: SOMERSET STKS 3-Y-O £3,038 1¼m 50y

FORMAZ b c Forli—Miss Manapah (K. Abdulla) 9-7 ... P. Eddery ... 13-8 1

HENRY THE LION b c Great Nephew—Britannia's Rule (C. St George) 8-7 ... Paul Eddery ... 11-8F 2

DOWNING STREET b c Martinmas — Granville Lady (S. Threadwell) 8-13 ... W. Carson ... 11-4 3

Also: 33 Sea Farer Lake, 100 Merry Pleasure (4th). 5 ran. 3l, 3l, 7l, 7l. (J. Tree, Marlborough.) Tote: Win, £3·10; places, £1·10, £1·20; Dual F'cast: £2·10. SPSF: £4·10.

3.45: EMPIRE H'CAP £2,369 1m 3f 150y

SOUTHERN DYNASTY, b f Gunner B—Northern Dynasty (M. Kentish) 8-2 ... R. McGhin ... 8-1 1

SUGAR PALM, b c Gay Fandango—Get Ahead (D. Goldstein), 4 9-6 ... W. Carson ... 3-1 2

HOONET, b g Mount Hagen — Simoita (L. Tregaskes), 4 9-0 ... N. Day ... 9-2 3

Also: 7-2F Careen (5th), 6 Bold Illusion, 15-2 Sarah's Venture (6th), 11 Doubleon, 16 Pareon (4th), Magic Mink, 20 Princess Zenobia, 33 Swing To Me. 11 ran. 1½l, ½l, 1l, 4l, 1l. (P. Mitchell, Epsom.) Tote: Win, £12·00; places, £3·10, £3·00, £1·70; Dual F'cast: £95·60. SPSF: £77·05. Tricast: £575·57.

4.15: BODCOTT MAIDEN STKS 2-Y-O £1,132 5f

MEADOW MOOR b c Comedy Star—Miss Golightly (C. Holland), 9-0 ... J. Reid ... 4-6F 1

STOCKTAKER b c Pitskelly—Streakella (Mrs M. Fairbairn), 8-9 ... N. Adams ... 10-1 2

SOMEWAY b f Dublin Taxi—Sue's Dolly (T. West), 8-11 ... J. Matthias ... 50-1 3

Also: 6 Viceroy Major (4th), 7 Champagne Popper, 12 Fastway Flyer, 20 Jocker Man, 25 Coppermill Lad (5th), 30 Solent Breeze (6th). 9 ran. Nk, 8l, sh hd, 8l, sh hd. (Mrs C. Reavey, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £1·90; places, £1·10, £1·90, £7·50; Dual F'cast: £4·90. SPSF: £8·04. NR: Owl Castle.

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4.45: ILCHESTER H'CAP 3-Y-O £2,467 1m 5y

HABS LAD gr c Habat—Trickalady (S. Hunt), 8-10 ... P. Eddery ... 5-4 1

GILDERDALE ch c Gunner B—Marcela (Avon Industries Ltd), 8-6 ... S. Dawson ... 5-4F 2

PALMION b c Dominion—Blessed Palm (Dr C. Vittadini), 8-4 ... N. Howe ... 50-1 3

HOME FLYER ch c Home Guard—Gliding Gay (Mrs I. Yarnold), 8-12 ... I. Johnson ... 25-1 4

Also: 9 Spanish Reel (5th), 16 Norstown (6th), Master Johny, 20 Longston, Crook N Honest, 25 Duke of Cambridge, Fair Charter, 33 De Rigueur, 50 Tiaram, Celtic Image, Mafdir, Wollow Bay, Terra di Siena. 17 ran. 1l, 3l, 1l, 3l, nk. (D. Laing, Lambourn.) Tote: win, £3·30; places, £2·00, £1·70, £6·60, £3·30; Dual F'cast: £5·10. SPSF: £5·47. Tricast: £97·67. NR: O'G Boy.

PLACEPOT: £151·15.

NOTTINGHAM

Going: GOOD TO FIRM

2.0 (5f): Shari Louise (R. Wernham, 6-4F) 1; Cooper Racing Nail (K. Darley, 10-1) 2; Betty Ann (S. Meacock, 8-1) 3. Also: 5 Flurry (5th), 7 Duracha (6th), 8 Marchaniley, 12 Farcoma, 14 Left Right, Light-Hearted, 16 Highest Note, 33 Annswell, Diamond Oyster (4th), Miss Serlby. 13 ran. Sh-hd, 2½l, 1½l, 5l, 1l. (M. McCourt, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £3·90; places, £1·10, £2·40, £3·30; Dual F'cast: £16·80. SPSF: £19·87.

2.30 (5f): Tanaroon (M. Birch, 3-1) 1; Burst It (R. Brown, 7-4F) 2; Auntie Bobbie (K. Darley, 7-2) 3. Also: 5 Tycador (disq), 8 Miss Magnolia (4th), 14 Bonny Reef (5), 16 Dagger Lass, 20 Royalty Fair (bd). 8 ran. 6l, 2l, hd, 1½l, 10l. (C. Tinkler, Malton.) Tote: Win, £4·30; places, £1·10, £2·00, £1·40; Dual F'cast: £9·60. SPSF: £9·30.

Tycador finished second but after a steward's inquiry was disqualified.

3.0 (6f): Bridge Street Lady (P. Cook, 3-1F) 1; Shanleys Style (T. Ives, 14-1) 2; Madam King (A. Mackay, 7-1) 3; Dorame (G. Carter, 10-1) 4. Also: 11-2 Transmit, 10 Vo Rae, Emergency Plumber (6th), 12 Strange Niece, 16 Tomorrows Boy, 20 Emerald Eagle, Shamrock, 25 Image Ann, Green Ruby, Son of Raja, 33 Cicaro Bid, Non Wel, Highly Times, Captain's Bidd (5th), Star Maestro. 19 ran. 1½l, 3l, nk, 1l, ½l. (J. Bosley, Bampton.) Tote: Win, £4·60; places, £1·90, £19·30, £2·30, £1·20; Dual F'cast: £182·40. SPSF: £44·14. Tricast: £257·02.

3.30 (1¼m): Ruckley (L. Charnock, 25-1) 1; Tinoco (W. Ryan, 11-1) 2; Milton Burn (G. Baxter, 9-1) 3. Also: 15-8F Dick Knight, 6 Quiet Country, 8 May Be This Time, Sea Reppin, 10 Maramore, 12 Patrick John Lyons, 16 What A Pose (6th), 20 Joseph's Lost (5th), 33 Legal Lad, Wolo, Cluedo (4th), Mountameer. 15 ran. 5l, 3l, 1l, 2l, 2½l. (P. Rohan, Malton.) Tote: Win, £46·50; places, £9·70, £2·20, £3·00; Dual F'cast: winner or second with any other £3·40; SPSF: £363·73. Tricast: £2,412·44.

4.0 (1¼m): Cane Mill (S. Cauthen, 2-13F) 1; Anchaleen (T. Ives, 40-1) 2; Jazzy Lady (Gaye Kelleway, 33-1) 3. Also: 5 Far To Go, 14 Ikiisar, 30 Talkin Tarn (5th), 25 Wassl Merbayeh (4th), Vitelia, 33 Killary Bay (6th), Mill Tern, 50 As Charged, Bleuders Choice, Rikriki Ret, Smack, April Bride, Hickling Squires, Mister Point, Pick A Tune, The Huyton Flyer, Xhai. 20 ran. 3l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l. (H. Cecil, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £1·60; places, £1·00, £5·50, £5·40; Dual F'cast: £35·10; SPSF: £24·31. NR: Flenrcone.

4.30 (1¼m): Pyros (G. Baxter, 8-1) 1; Gypsy Talk (W. R. Swinburn, 6-4F) 2; Owen's Pride (B. Cooper, 16-1) 3. Also: 4 Symphyrum (4th), 5 Vaguely Artistic, 10 Dream Merchant, 14 Vickstown (5th), 16 Glenmire Captain, 20 Asticot, Festival City, Storm House (6th), 25 Redcross Miss, Coombe Forest. 13 ran. 1l, nk, 3l, 1½l, 1l. (B. Hobbs, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £14·50; places, £2·20, £3·00, £10·70. Dual F'cast: £25·50. SPSF: £22·03. Tricast: £194·54. NR: Ireland Girl.

5.0 (1¼m): Life Peer (S. Cauthen, 5-1) 1; High Skies (A. Lequeux, 70-17F) 2; Arnhall (W. R. Swinburn, 4-1) 3. Also: 20 Pegma, Lismore, 33 Sir Crusty (5th), 50 Daze, Romiosini (4th), Strictly Business, Virginia Pageant, Bonny's Pledge, Duchess of Concord, Gambart (6th), Clengunie, Musical Mystery, Orient Sun, Pinwiddie, Warrior Uncle, Will's Warrior. 19 ran. 4l, 1l, 2½l, 1l, sh-hd. (H. Cecil, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £5·90; places, £3·30, £1·10, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £5·10. SPSF: £6·00. NR: Maskeens.

PLACEPOT: £55·30.

WOLVERHAMPTON RACECARD

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
5.30—Celtic Princess	5.30—Indian
6. 0—Primrose Wood	6. 0—Been Mugged
6.30—Ben Spartan	6.30—Personality Plus
7. 0—Mend It	7. 0—Le Gran Brun
7.30—Nebris	7.30—Nebris
8. 0—Morvera	8. 0—Lady Tut

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

5.30: MADELEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE £825 2m (17 declared)

3 2F3010 Rig Steel (D), P. Cundell, 5 11-9 ... P. Haywood (7)
11 311000 Al Khashab, P. J. Bevan, 8 10-11 ... R. Hatfield (7)
14 P00302 Indian (BL), J. Glover, 5 10-9 ... Dale McKeown (7)
15 741001 Gods Will (D), M. Bowker, 6 10-7 ... —
16 030044 Shepherd's Hymn (D) (BF), T. Bill, 4 10-7 ... G. Williams (4)
17 2101P0 Bold Roderick (D), D. Burchell, 6 10-6 ... D. Burchell (7)
19 4-F0003 Celtic Princess, Mrs M. Rimell, 5 10-4 ... D. Plumb (7)
20 410444 Another Special, R. Francis, 7 10-4 ... C. Cowley (7)
22 030082 Cruden Bay, P. Felgate, 5 10-4 T. Woolley (7)
24 0-00100 Redouse (D), F. Coton, 5 10-3 ... Georgina Herbert (7)
29 000352 Squires Gold, M. Dickinson, 4 10-1 ... P. Croucher
31 000-000 Danish Express, J. Bradley, 6 10-0 D. Tegg (7)
32 334240 Brianston Bell, Earl Jones, 6 10-0 P. Blackburn
33 38300 Monsoon, Peter Taylor, 4 10-0 R. Lawson (7)
34 P0F040 In Stige (D), C. Miller, 6 10-0 S. Carroll (7)
35 400000 Spiv's Right, J. Bradley, 4 10-0 I. Shoemark (7)
37 4/0002-0 Majorian, J. Harris, 7 10-0 Vicki Harris (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Indian, 4 Celtic Princess, 5 Gods Will, 6 Squires Gold, 8 Cruden Bay, 10 Rig Steel, 12 Al Khashab, Shepherd's Hymn, 14 others.

6.0: WOMBOURN NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £960 2½m (15)

1 11041U Been Mugged (D), D. Gandolfo, 9 11-10 ... R. Earnshaw
3 F22304 Crown Land, J. Jenkins, 10 11-4 J. O'Neill
4 311042 Primrose Wood, G. Richards, 7 11-0 J. Hansen
6 21231F Princely Lad, M. Tate, 7 10-5 P. Scudamore
8 04040-0 Athens Star, J. Bradley, 10 10-0 B. Powell
11 331442 Poundyne, W. Mann, 10 10-0 ... P. Carvill
12 5000-5P Kilkish, J. Edwards, 6 10-0 ... P. Barton
13 3PF0-P No Further, M. Castell, 10 10-0 ... —
14 0F-0FF Gain The Day, R. Blakeney, 8 10-0 ... Miss J. Blakeney (7)
16 0-UPFP Beechwood Lad, M. Connell, 6 10-0 ... Mr J. Wrathall (7)
19 000-00P Fifth Column, M. Wilesmith, 7 10-0 R. Dickin
20 30P00F Light Sentence, P. Pritchard, 7 10-0 ... G. Williams (4)
22 0PP0PP Pahuscriton, D. Barons, 6 10-0 ... H. Davies
23 0F/PPFP Kamschatky, C. Bridgett, 9 10-0 Mr C. Bridgett
27 3P0000 Barnaby Rudge, Peter Taylor, 7 10-0 ... S. Morshead

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Primrose Wood, 100-30 Been Mugged, 4 Crown Land, 7 Poundyne, 8 Kilkish, 10 Princely Lad, 14 Athens Star, 16 others.

6.30: PENDEFORD HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,725 3m 1f (11)

2 1P3140 Memberson (D), P. Dufosee, 7 11-7 ... R. Dunwoody
4 2111P-0 Yamdius, H. Dale, 13 11-6 Susan Wilson (7)
5 0340-0 Laakra, F. Alston, 10 11-3 K. Doolan (4)
11 031PF0 Chef Marcel (D), N. Bycroft, 7 10-11 ... J. O'Neill
12 210U4-3 Ben Spartan, N. Henderson, 12 10-11 ... S. Smith Eccles
13 F2-3000 De Plevinel (D), G. Prest, 12 10-7 ... Mr M. Armytage (7)
16 P24002 Personality Plus (BL) (C), R. Francis, 9 10-6 ... R. Crank
17 104-04F Intoxicated, T. Nicholls, 11 10-5 M. Bremner
18 1F4424 River Warrior, J. Bradley, 7 10-3 B. Powell
19 02-0000 Loriot, G. Thorner, 8 10-0 ... P. Barton
20 2FF00P River Rambler (D), N. Henderson, 8 10-0 ... P. Croucher (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Ben Spartan, 11-4 Personality Plus, 4 Memberson, 6 River Warrior, 8 Chef Marcel, 12 others.

7.0: SOMERFIELD NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £960 3m 1f (11)

4 U22P1F King's Brig, G. Richards, 9 11-7 D. Coakley (4)
6 01F1U2 Le Gran Brun (CD) (BF), J. S. King, 7 11-5 ... S. Smith Eccles
9 1P2PUF Delator, T. Wardle, 8 10-13 ... H. Davies
11 004P20 Blake (BL), W. Clay, 8 10-12 S. J. O'Neill
13 R22202 Wise Words (BL), P. Bailey, 7 10-9 ... S. Morshead
14 0-U02P3 Mend It (BF), N. Bycroft, 7 10-7 J. O'Neill
17 000401 Lady Shot, M. Oliver, 6 10-0 (7lb ex) ... R. Dunwoody
18 0000P0 Marlban (BL), R. Holder, 6 10-0 ... P. Croucher (4)
20 0/PF30-2 Socorro, Mrs S. Gill, 11 10-0 ... J. Suthern
21 0-0303U Baloyd, W. Musson, 6 10-0 ... C. Smith
22 P0F/FF0 Reprieve, P. Pritchard, 8 10-0 G. Williams (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Le Gran Brun, 100-30 Mend It, 4 King's Brig, 6 Lady Shot, 7 Wise Words, 9 Delator, 14 others.

7.30: SHARESHILL NOVICES' HURDLE £1,197 2m (17)

5 040410 Gainville Lad (D), P. Gibson, 4 11-2 ... D. McKeown (7)
7 41 Nebris (D), R. Akehurst, 4 11-2 H. Davies
13 P0 Dryfehead, K. Bailey, 5 11-0 ... P. Scudamore
14 F0 Hopeful Future, D. Lee, 5 11-0 ... —
16 F0 Mafoo's Token, R. Holder, 5 11-0 P. Richards
17 0 Narboro Boy, B. Richmond, 5 11-0 ... S. Johnson
20 P Red Flame, P. Allingham, 5 11-0 M. Hammond
21 0 Refpoul, W. King, 5 11-0 ... R. Goldstein
25 00 Arbitrage, J. Mahon, 4 10-9 ... R. Dickin
27 Castle Track, E. Alston, 4 10-9 K. Doolan (4)
28 P Corrib Master, J. King, 4 10-9 ... —
29 00 Dark Comic, J. King, 4 10-9 ... —
34 0 Lady Doone, M. Tate, 5 10-9 ... C. Smith
35 22/0-0 New Morning, Mrs A. Roberts, 6 10-9 ... M. Williams
36 0 Rambling Echo, J. King, 4 10-9 S. Smith Eccles
39 00- Vimy Rose, W. Morris, 5 10-9 W. Morris
42 P Sorely, A. James, 4 10-4 ... G. Jones

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Nebris, 4 Gainville Lad, 6 Mafoo's Token, 9 Dryfehead, 10 Lady Doone, 12 New Morning, 16 others.

8.0: OXLEY HANDICAP HURDLE £1,035 2m (15)

2 222001 Burnbeck (D), W. Price, 6 12-0 (7lb ex) ... N. Coleman (4)
4 30P003 Sweetcal (D), P. Cundell, 8 11-7 A. German
6 000230 Morvera (D), J. Jenkins, 6 11-3 J. O'Neill
7 12-0000 Jubilee Dove (D), R. Price, 8 11-4 ... M. Bowlby (7)
8 003P03 Lor Moss (D), A. Leighton, 5 11-4 C. Smith
10 0-00402 Lady Tut (D), T. Bill, 5 11-3 ... R. Crank
11 30F0F4 Chief Blackfoot (D), J. Old, 6 11-2 P. Murphy
13 1004F0 Welsh Oak (D), D. Gandolfo, 5 11-0 ... R. Earnshaw
14 0/040-00 Somers Heir (D), D. Wintle, 10 10-13 ... R. Hyett
15 1122/F0 Havering Hill (D), J. Jenkins, 7 10-13 ... H. Jenkins (7)
19 25P23P Pass Ashore, M. Oliver, 6 10-7 R. Dunwoody
21 0P3F00 Sloane Street (D), J. Dooler, 8 10-4 ... B. de Haan
22 3F-4032 Brobury (D), T. Brown, 6 10-4 ... R. Chapman (4)
25 F04-0F0 Ruby And Sapphire, R. Cambidge, 6 10-0 ... Mr J. Cambidge (4)
26 UF300P Paperacter (D), R. Preece, 6 10-0 R. Strange

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Burnbeck, 4 Morvera, 5 Lady Tut, 13-2 Sweetcal, 8 Lor Moss, 10 Chief Blackfoot, 12 Brobury, Jubilee Dove, 14 Pass Ashore, 16 others.

World Cup

RUSH & HUGHES PUT WALES TOP IN STYLE

By ROGER MALONE

Wales .... 3 Spain 0

WORLD Cup qualifying goals from Ian Rush (2). and Mark Hughes brought Wales the leadership of Group Seven at Wrexham last night—taking their country a very big step nearer to the finals in Mexico.

The first half showed Wales playing strongly and determinedly in the physical aspects of a rugged game, but often short of sufficient invention to open up the well-organised Spanish defence.

Hughes, for instance, was twice whistled up for fouls on Liceranzu, his marker, who with his partner in central defence, Goicoechea, retaliated with fouls on Hughes and Rush.

Spain were content to concede territorial advantage, so much of the first half was spent with Wales attacking, but being efficiently resisted, with Arconada, in his 68th international underlining his reputation with many clean catches of corners, long free-kicks and long-range shots from Phillips and Nicholas.

Wales's new Belgian-born defender, Van den Hauwe, looked efficient on the few occasions Spain passed forward with quick, promising moves often featuring the squat Rojo.

Hughes always looked formidable when supplied with good possession and the strength of this youngster allied to his skills, makes him a formidable raider.

Crowd lifted

A minute from the interval, the crowd losing enthusiasm as Wales failed to find a way through, were lifted by an absolute gift.

When Ratcliffe's long pass arrived in the Spanish box, with no Welsh connection threatening, Goicoechea nudged the ball back to Arconada, and as Maceda also closed in, the goalkeeper fumbled the ball.

There still seemed no danger, provided one of the Spaniards dealt quickly with the ball. They did not—and Rush, spotting their confusion, darted in and stabbed the ball home.

Spain at half-time substituted Clos for Gallego, and the fouls now came thick and fast. James was booked for fouling Clos and Julio-Alberto was pulled up for a nasty challenge on Hughes eight minutes after the resumption. That cost Spain dear.

Defence in disarray

Nicholas took the free kick, 40 yards from goal on the right and as the ball arrived at the far side of the box, Van den Heuwe's header put the Spanish defence in disarray.

As the ball bounced, 15 yards from goal, Hughes whirled and shot home a spectacular scissors kick.

The Spaniards soon after had two players booked for fouls — Rincon, and then the man who replaced him, Caldere, after 57 minutes.

Group VII

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	6	3	4
Spain	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Iceland	5	1	0	4	2	8	2

Remaining fixtures: May 28—Iceland v Scotland; June 12—Iceland v Spain. Sept. 10—Wales v Scotland; Sept. 25—Spain v Iceland.

Wales, sensing an important victory, often moved positively in search of a third goal to. Spain, for their part, were anxious to hit back and the game became much more open.

Wales made it 3-0 with four minutes left, Hughes supplying the chance with the Spanish waiting vainly for an offside flag. Rush finished off with his renowned stylish economy.

The winning margin brought complete revenge for Wales' 0-3 defeat in Seville six months ago.

WALES.—Southall (Everton); Slatter (Bristol R), Jackett (Watford), Ratcliffe (Everton), Van den Hauwe (Everton), Phillips (Man. City), James (QPR), Nicholas (Luton), Rush (Liverpool), Thomas (Chelsea), Hughes (Man. Utd).

SPAIN.—Arconada; Gerardo, Julio-Alberto, Maceda, Goicoechea, Gordillo, Rincon, Liceranzu, Victor, Gallego, Rojo.

WEST GERMANY MARCH ON

West Germany almost certainly clinched a berth in the World Cup finals in Mexico with an impressive 5-1 victory over Czechoslovakia in Prague yesterday.

With 10 points, the West Germans have a four-point lead over Portugal, who have also played five games.

FA Youth Cup Final

WATFORD HOLD NEWCASTLE

Newcastle ... 0 Watford ... 0

Watford, winners of the FA Youth Cup in 1982, became favourites to lift this year's trophy after earning a goalless draw in the first leg at St James' Park.

The visitors silenced the 7,000 crowd by comfortably holding Newcastle, and now must go to Vicirage Road for the second leg on Friday week full of confidence. Watford's best chance came in the first minute when centre-forward Richard Sendall was superbly foiled by Republic of Ireland youth international Gary Kelly.

Newcastle.—Kelly, Dickinson, Tinnion, Nesbit, Scott, Kilford, Hatton, Gasvoigne, Allon, Forster, McKenzie.

Watford.—Grifiths, White, Rumble, Pullan, Baker, Powell, Allen, Dunn, Holdsworth, Sendall, David Holdsworth, Andrews.

Ian Rush, who snapped up an unexpected gift for Wales from Spain, and Mark Hughes, who joined in soon after the interval.

CRUCIAL HURDLE FOR IRISH

By KEITH PETERS

EOIN HAND will wait until shortly before the kick-off before defining Mark Lawrenson's role in the Republic of Ireland team to meet Norway in a crucial World Cup qualifying game for both countries in Dublin this evening.

In a sharp break with tradition Mr Hand declined to announce a team yesterday on the basis that he did not wish to disclose his strategy to the Norwegians.

GROUP VI

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switz'land	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Denmark	3	2	0	1	4	1	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
USSR	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Eire	3	1	0	2	1	4	2

Remaining Fixtures: Today Eire v Norway. May 2 USSR v Switzerland; June 2 Eire v Switzerland; June 5 Denmark v USSR; Sept. 11 Switzerland v Eire; Sept. 25 USSR v Denmark. Oct. 9 Denmark v Switzerland; Oct. 16 Norway v Denmark, USSR v Eire; Oct. 30 USSR v Norway; Nov. 13 Switzerland v Norway, Eire v Denmark.

However, he is probably thinking of following Liverpool's example by deploying Lawrenson in midfield with David O'Leary, Mick McCarthy and Paul McGrath, the emerging Manchester United player, in contention for places in central defence.

Ireland have already lost two of their three Group Six matches.

He said: "It is a difficult situation, but not an impossible one. The players know precisely what is required of them and I am confident that they wil respond suitably."

Norway, encouraged by their surprising 1-0 win against Ireland in Oslo, make two changes from that side.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (from). — Bonner (Celtic); Langan (Oxford Utd), O'Leary (Arsenal), McCarthy (Manchester City), McGrath (Manchester Utd), Beglin (Liverpool), Lawrenson (Liverpool), Whelan (Liverpool), Daly (Birmingham), Waddock (QPR), Grealish (WBA), Brady (Inter-Milan), Stapleton (Manchester Utd), Robinson (QPR), Welsh (FC Porto), Galvin (Tottenham).

NORWAY. — Thorstvedt; Fjalberg, Hareide, Henriksen, Kojedal, Moen, Ahlsen, Herlovsen, Thorsen, Osklun, Soler.

Under-21 International

Seaman saves the day for England

By COLIN MALAM in Brasov

Rumania U-21 ... 0, England U-21 ... 0

ENGLAND held on to the leadership of their Under-21 group yesterday in an undistinguished match in the picturesque setting of a town in the Carpathian mountains some 100 miles north of Bucharest.

Their only impressive performances were in defence. Seaman made three excellent saves while Parker, Butterworth, Cranson, and Pickering stood up well to the repeated attacks of the technically superior Rumanians.

On a bumpy pitch which made good football difficult and interrupted constantly by a fussy referee, England were particularly disappointing in midfield.

Sadly, both Allen and Walters played well below the club form which has made them two of the outstanding prospects in domestic football.

Though four players were booked—England's Walters, Butterworth and Cottee and Rumania's Beloredici—the match was never a brutal affair. Indeed the Rumanians were largely blameless in that respect.

Dangerous attacks

England had to survive two dangerous attacks by their hosts before they could get into the game. Each time only the alertness and agility of Seaman kept out first-time shots by Soare.

It was not until the 36th minute that England threatened the Rumanian goal seriously when Pickering centred from the left and Rideout climbed high to skim the bar with a powerful header.

Just as the booking of Walters for a foul on Valdean was a reflection of England's early distress the caution administered to Beloredici for body-checking Allen after 39 minutes indicated a growing disarray in the Rumanian defence.

Cottee drove that free kick directly and fiercely into Stingaciv's midriff but it was the home side who finished the first half on top.

Popescu made an opening by exchanging passes with Cristea but shot well wide. Though Walters headed a Cottee centre into Stingaciv's hands soon after the restart, England did not have much of a look in from then on.

Fortunately Seaman was able to turn Bucico's shot against the post and Soare continued to miss chances.

Despite being on the retreat for so long England might have snatched victory when Parker put Donowa, substitute for the injured Allen, away down the right five minutes from the end.

Stingaciv had the help of only one defender against a total of six English attackers but the giant Rumanian goalkeeper was the man who won the ball in the end.

RUMANIA. — Stingaciv; Pascu, Beloredici, Weisenbacher, Cristea, Bucico, Valdean, Mosnas, Soare (Munteanu), Bozeanu, Popescu (Mandoiu).

ENGLAND.—Seaman (Birmingham); Parker (Fulham), Pickering (Sunderland), Cranson (Ipswich), Butterworth (Coventry), Enodin (Doncaster), Allen (West Ham), Barker (Blackburn), Rideout (Aston Villa), Cottee (West Ham), Walters (Aston Villa).

Substitutes.—Donovan (Norwich) for Allen; Wilkinson (Everton) for Rideout.

NORTHAMPTON IN NEW HANDS

By BILL MEREDITH

Things could be looking up for Northampton Town, who on Saturday escaped from the bottom of the Fourth Division for the first time in two months.

Derek Banks, a Watford businessman, has bought the controlling interest in the club and replaces Neville Ronson as chairman. However, all the existing directors will stay on the board.

Mr Banks, 51, a season ticket holder at Watford, had never seen Northampton play until a couple of months ago. He said: "I cannot reveal how much it is costing, but there will be money available for manager Graham Carr to buy players for next season."

Ind Coope have renewed a two-year contract, worth more than £100,000, to sponsor Leicester City. One proviso, though, is that Leicester change their away strip of all-green, in which they have never won a match.

Luton have formally appealed against the FA decision that a fence be erected all round their Kenilworth Road ground following trouble in the FA Cup tie with Millwall in March.

TODAY'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

WORLD CUP—Group 3
Ireland v Turkey (Belfast, 8)
Romania v England (Bucharest, 4)

Group 6
Rep of Ireland v Norway (Dublin, 6.45)

DIVISION III
Reading v Walsall

DIVISION IV
Chester v Hereford
Darlington v Blackpool

SCOTTISH LGE. — Premier Div: Celtic v Rangers.

GOLA LGE.—Altrincham v Barnet; Boston v Bath; Wealdstone v Frickley.

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE. — Burton v Worksop.

SOUTHERN LGE — Premier Div: Crawley v Fareham; Folkestone v A.P. Leamington. Midland Div: Bridgnorth v Wellingboro. Southern Div: Basingstoke v Hillingdon; Dover v Andover; Tonbridge v Ashford.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Div 1 South: Feltham v Newbury.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE.—Collier Row v Edgware.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP-FINAL: Dagenham v Walthamstow.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LGE CUP. FINAL, 1st Leg: Arsenal v Spurs (7)

CENTRAL LGE (7).—Div. 1: Aston V v Blackburn, Barnsley v West Brom, wich. Man. Utd. v Huddersfield (7.30), Newcastle v Liverpool. Div. 2: Bolton v Wolves, Doncaster v Leicester, Grimsby v Sunderland (7.30), Port Vale v York.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Millwall v Luton (2), Oxford v Charlton, Portsmouth v Chelsea (7), Southampton v Fulham, West Ham v Birmingham (2.30).

HELLENIC LGE (6.30).—Premier Div.: Clanfield v Moreton, Sharpness v Fairford, Supermarine v Abingdon, Thame v Hounslow, Wallingford v Rangers L.

NAAFI JUBILEE CUP. — RAF Abingdon v CTCRM Lympstone (3).

GEOFFREY MILES MEM TROPHY —Herts FA v Suffolk FA (Hitchin).

ESFA HOME COUNTIES CUP. — Surrey v Inner London (Chertsey, 7).

RUGBY UNION.—British Co's KO Cup. Final: S. Glamorgan IRE v St Mary's Twickenham (Clifton, 6).

RUGBY LGE.—Slalom Lager Premiership, Semi-final: Hull KR v Leeds.

SCOT SYMON DIES AT 74

Scot Symon, one of the most famous figures of Scottish football, has died aged 74. He played for Dundee, Rangers and Scotland, but is best remembered for his feats as a manager.

After guiding Preston to the FA Cup final in 1954, he returned to take charge of Rangers, and for the next 13 years led the club through one of their most successful periods.

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World Cup Group Three

Mariner, Francis back in England front line

By DONALD SAUNDERS in Bucharest

ENGLAND tonight attempt at the August 23 Stadium in Bucharest to move a step nearer next year's World Cup finals with a team based on players who missed success in the 1982 tournament.

For the crucial qualifier against Rumania, Bobby Robson is relying heavily on the men his managerial predecessor, Ron Greenwood, employed when England narrowly failed to reach the semi-finals in Spain nearly three years ago.

That experienced nucleus is supported by young hopes such as Mark Wright, Trevor Steven and John Barnes, and Viv Anderson, whose international career has restarted this season.

If the three representatives of the new generation fulfil expectations, then the infiltration of younger players is likely to continue during the remainder of the qualifying campaign.

Bright promise

Indeed, Mark Hateley, who has made a greater impact than any other post-1982 squad member, would have occupied one of the central striking positions this evening had he not been injured.

Mr Robson has given Hateley's job to Paul Mariner—32 later this month and the possessor of 34 caps—because his experience might be more valuable in this difficult match than the bright promise of Gary Lineker and Chris Waddle.

For much the same reason, Trevor Francis, at 31 making his 37th appearance, returns in the other striking role. The even more experienced Tony Woodcock is absent through injury.

If Mariner and Francis do not rise to the occasion, or do not receive the appropriate crosses from Barnes and Steven, then Lineker will leave the substitute's bench to try to upset the Romanians with his pace and thrust.

Mr Robson expects this to be the toughest test England have faced in the present qualifying competition, and he knows it is likely to be a physical battle.

He emphasised: "We are well equipped to handle that. We'll stand up, meet it and challenge it fairly. We won't run away."

Having watched the Rumanians, England's manager is satisfied his back four will be under severe pressure. If that is so, Wright — with just five caps to his name — will be offered every opportunity to prove himself at the heart of the defence.

Mr Robson commented: "It will be tough for him but there comes a time when you cannot protect a player any longer. Mark is very well equipped technically—a good footballing centre-half.

"If he is to make it at the highest level of international football, his elegance must be matched by his aggression. He must be strong."

Formidable front line

Certainly it will require strong men to cope with Camataru, Coras and Hagi, who are a formidable front line. "Camataru has a bit of everything—a traditional centre forward with extra mobility," explained Mr Robson.

"Coras is very strong and Hagi is as good a young player as any I've seen in Europe these past two years."

So England, beaten 2-1 on their last World Cup visit in 1980, will do well to return home tonight with a point. Mr Robson put it succinctly in perspective: "To avoid defeat would mean success. Victory would be marvellous."

ENGLAND.—Shilton (Southampton); Anderson (Arsenal), Sansom (Arsenal), Steven (Everton), Wright (Southampton), Butcher (Ipswich), Robson (Manchester United), Wilkins (AC Milan), Mariner (Arsenal), Francis (Sampdoria), Barnes (Watford).

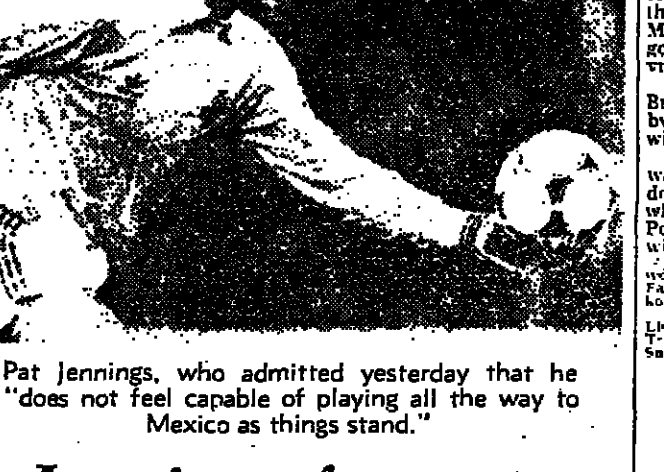
RUMANIA (probable).—Lung; Negrila, Iorgulescu, Stefanescu, Ungureanu; Redale, Irimescu, Mateut; Camataru, Hagi, Coras.

Group III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	14	0	6
N. Ireland	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Finland	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Rumania	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Turkey	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

Remaining Fixtures, Today: N. Ireland v Turkey, Rumania v England. May 22: Finland v England. June 6: Finland v Rumania. August 28: Rumania v Finland. September 11: Turkey v N. Ireland, England v Rumania. Sept. 25: Finland v Turkey. Oct. 16: Rumania v N. Ireland, England v Turkey. Nov. 13: England v N. Ireland. Nov. 14: Turkey v Rumania.

Paul Mariner . . . takes the injured Mark Hateley's berth in one of England's central striking positions.



Pat Jennings, who admitted yesterday that he "does not feel capable of playing all the way to Mexico as things stand."

Jennings faces up to retirement

By MICHAEL CALVIN

PAT JENNINGS, painfully aware that his future is inexplicably linked to Northern Ireland's World Cup fortunes, will be unable to escape the realities of impending retirement at Windsor Park tonight.

Though Turkey's limitations are almost certain to keep him under employed when he wins his 110th cap, the Arsenal goalkeeper is bracing himself for the conflicting emotions of what is being billed as his last competitive appearance in Belfast.

He may be tempted to continue in this autumn's sequence of qualifying matches in Turkey, Rumania and England if England intensify the struggle for the runners-up place in Group 3 by winning in Bucharest this afternoon.

But, having rejected offers from England, Europe and the United States, Jennings is clearly coming to terms with the prospect of fading away from the international scene he has graced for 21 seasons.

'Sad situation'

"It is a very sad situation," he reflected after the Irish FA presented him with an inscribed watch for becoming Britain's most capped player. "It's all beginning to sink in.

"I don't feel capable of playing all the way to Mexico as things stand. I've made no final decision about retirement yet, but I play every match as if it is my last."

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, appreciates that unearthing Jennings' successor is a task of the utmost long significance. But, more immediately, he requires a convincing attacking performance against opposition whose individual skill is sabotaged by tactical naivity.

His reminder that goal difference may determine qualification has a special relevance because Northern Ireland have not scored more than three times in a game since they defeated Cyprus 5-0 14 years ago.

Mr Bingham, who believes that three victories in their remaining four group games will secure a place in Mexico, said: "I have got to be careful not to put too much pressure on my players. But I have a feeling they will respond to the challenge of our away games."

Turkey, now coached by Kalman Meszoly, the former Hungary manager, ruined Northern Ireland's chances of qualifying for last year's European Championship final with a 1-0 win in Ankara. Probable teams:

Northern Ireland.—Jennings; Nicholl, McClelland, O'Neill, Donaghy, McIlroy, Ramsey, Brotherston, Whiteside, Quinn, Stewart.

Turkey.—Erhan; Rasit, Abdulkerim, K. Hasan, Semih, Ismail, Yusuf, Ilyas, Metin, D. Hasan, K. Hasan.

NEWMAN GOAL SEALS IT

By A Special Correspondent

Bristol City ... 2 Newport ... 1

BOB NEWMAN gave Bristol City a lucky victory over Newport last night with a goal in the 75th minute.

Bristol City laboured against lowly Newport until Glyn Riley relieved the monotony by scoring his 20th goal of the season four minutes before half-time.

Newport's defenders offered Bristol few chances to improve their faint promotion hopes. Neville promised more than he achieved on the right flank and only a 30-yard shot from Walsh, which drew Kendall to full stretch, lifted the early gloom.

Chamberlain equalises

Chamberlain, who had been booke dfor a high tackle on Llewellyn, scored the equaliser seconds before half-time. He won a tussle with Hughes after Shaw had been stranded outside his penalty area and pushed the ball into the net.

Further undistinguished play by both sides marred the second half until Bristol snatched a barely-deserved victory in the 75th minute to plunge Newport to their fifth successive league defeat.

Newman powered the ball in from 30 yards after Walsh had given him the chance with a short free-kick.

Bristol City. — Shaw; Llewellyn, Newman, Curle, Hughes, Riley, Neville, Johnson, Hutchinson, Walsh, Stroud.

Newport County. — Kendall; Jones, Relish, Pulis, Matthewson, Boyle, Kent, Emmanuel, Cooper, Kellow, Chamberlain.

MANCHESTER C, LOSE SMITH

Manchester City, who need two victories from three matches to ensure their return to the First Division, yesterday suffered another casualty when Gordon Smith, their Scottish midfielder, was detained in hospital.

Smith, City's top scorer, who returned at Portsmouth last Saturday after missing five games with a damaged thigh, is under observation for severe abdominal pains and is likely to miss the Maine Road match against Oldham.

"Gordon has undergone several tests, and we await the full report from the specialist," said Billy McNeill, City's manager, who had bette rnews about two other invalids.

MILLWALL KEEP MARCHING

By DAVID LUDDY

Millwall 2. Doncaster 1

A CHANGE of tactics from defence to attack failed to produce a dividend for mid-table, Doncaster when they fully tested Third Division promotion chasers Millwall at The Den last night.

Stubborn defending emphasised by sharp tackles with the occasional breakaway raid was fully justified before Kevin Bremner's first-half goal forced them to change their tactics.

Doncaster, the only side to win in the Division at runaway leaders Bradford City this term, provided stiff resistance.

Brown, booked for a tough challenge on Lowndes, had difficulty in containing the impressive Fashanu and, as his attention was diverted, Otulakowski's near-headed home by the unmarked Bremner.

Tactics changed

Butterworth, a striker, replaced midfielder Travis at the start of the second-half underlining Doncaster's change of tactics but Millwall's forward momentum remained unchanged.

Kowalski, Snodin and Harle instead of creating opportunities for their front-runners were forced to add extra protection to their overworked defence, though Millwall's pursuit of a second goal left their own rearguard vulnerable to a sharp raid.

Midway through the half Buckley, after a penetrating pass by Snodin, levelled the score with a firm drive.

Doncaster's moment of triumph was brief. Lowndes's pace proved decisive. His 25-yard run ended when he rounded goalkeeper Peacock to score Millwall's winner 15 minutes from the end.

Millwall.—Sansome; Stevens, Hazlewood, Briley, Smith, Cusack, Lowndes, Fashanu, Chatterton, Bremner, Otulakowski.

Doncaster. — Peacock; Philliben, Lister; Kowalski, Saddington, Brown, Travis, Buckley, Douglas, Harle, G. Snodin.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

WORLD CUP—European Qualifying Group 7

Wales (1) 3 Spain (0) 0
Rush 2
Hughes —24,000

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP —Group 3

Rumania (0) 0 England (0) 0 —14,000
(Brastov)

DIVISION II

Barnsley (0) 0 Grimsby (0) 0 —3,261
Wimbledn (0) 0 Huddrsfld (1) 1
—2,555 Webster

DIVISION III

Bristol C (1) 2 Newport (1) 1
Riley Chamberlain
Newman —5,952
Cambridge (0) 0 Lincoln (1) 2
—1,235 Shipley 2
Millwall (1) 2 Doncaster (0) 1
Bremner Buckley
Lowndes —6,904
Orient (0) 0 Preston (0) 0 —3,162
Wigan (2) 2 Swansea (0) 0
Lowe, Bennett —2,406

DIVISION IV

Bury (2) 2 Aldershot (0) 1
Entwistle McCulloch
Madden —3,252
Northmpton (1) 1 Mansfield (0) 0
Train —2,350
Rochdale (2) 4 Hartlepool (0) 3
Taylor Dixon pen.
Gamble Dobson
Brownlie o.g. Gavin
Heaton —1,010

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY—Southern Semi-final

Bournemth (0) 2 Brentford (0) 3
Thompson Cooke 2
Russell pen. Kamara
—4,200

WORLD CUP.—European Qualif Group 2: Czechoslovakia 1, West Germany 5 (Prague).

Asian Qualif Group 4B: Japan 0, North Korea 0 (Tokyo).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH'SHIP — Qualif Group 2: Czechoslovakia 1, West Germany 1 (Mlada Boleslav).

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Coventry 6, Stoke 3—Derby 4, Manchester City 0—Everton 4, Bradford C 1—Notts Co 1, Sheffield Wed 5—Sheffield Utd 2, Nottingham F 4.

NORTHERN PREM. LGE. — Goole 1, Stafford 2—Grantham 0, Marine 1—Macclesfield 3, Morecambe 2—Matlock 2, Southport 2—Witton 1, Oswestry 0.

SOUTHERN LGE. — Prem Div: Bedworth 1, Fisher 0—Gloucester 2, Cheltenham 3—Gravesend 1, Willenhall 2.

Div. 2: Leeds 4, Scunthorpe 2—Middlesbrough 2, Blackpool 2—Oldham 0, Hull 1—Rotherham 3, Wigan 3.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Brighton 2, Ipswich 3—Chelsea 4, Tottenham 0 QPR 3, Swindon 1—Swansea 0, C Palace 1.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Prem Div: Chard 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0—Chippenham 3, Clandown 2 —Exmouth 4, Shepton Mallet 1—Weston-s-M 1, Dawlish 2.

Plymouth Arg 0, Bristol City 1.

GOLA LGE.—Enfield 4, Yeovil 0—Telford 1, Dartford 2.

Bob Lord Trophy, Final, 2nd Leg: Runcorn 1, Maidstone 0 (Runcorn win 3-3 on agg.).

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Prem Div: Carshalton 2, Sutton 2—Harlow 0, Windsor 4—Hendon 2, Worthing 3—Hitchin 1, Tooting 1—Wycombe 2, Harrow 0.

B. Stortford 2, Wokingham 1.

FA YOUTH CUP. — Final, 1st Leg: Newcastle 0, Watford 0.

CORRECTED RESULT.—F A Sunday Cup, Final: Hobbies (Derwent) 1, Avenue (Birkenhead) 1 (after extra time, at Norwich; replay next Sunday at Tranmere FC).

SCHOOLS. — ESFA Gillette Trophy, Semi-final: Kettering & Corby 0, Merton 1 (at Corby; winners meet Doncaster).

RUGBY UNION.—Llanelli 16, Pontypool 28—Newbridge 12, Bridgend 4—Newport 35, Swansea 34—Pontypridd 10, Glamorgan Wand 7—Waterloo 37, Northern 6.

Brixham 19, Newton Abbot 7—Tiverton 28, North Devon Police 15.

OXFORD FLOODLIT CUP, Final: Oxford 9, Banbury 5.

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TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6 50 a.m.-9.25 BREAKFAST TIME, with Frank Bough and Sue Cook. 10.30 Play School. 10.50-11.15 Gharbar.

12 30 NEWS, WEATHER. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines).

1 00 PEBBLE MILL AT ONE—American singer, Vic Damone, is among today's guests. 1.40 Mr. Benn, rpt.

1 55 RACING FROM ASCOT—The 2, 2.30, 3.5 and 3.40 races.

3 50 WORLD CUP FOOTBALL—Romania v England, live coverage of the whole match, which, if they win, could virtually guarantee England a place in next summer's World Cup finals. Introduced by Jimmy Hill, with John Motson providing the commentary and Bobby Charlton the expert comment. (Wales: World Cup Football; after 5.35, continues on BBC 2. 5.35 Wales Today.)

6 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 35 REGIONAL MAGAZINES. (Wales: Gloria).

7 00 WOGAN—with Tony Curtis, Thora Hird.

7 40 HILARY—Start of a repeat of the comedy series featuring Marti Caine as a researcher on a TV chat show.

8 10 DALLAS—The Brothers Ewing. Pam and Sue Ellen both take off for Hong Kong while J.R. causes yet another rift at Southfork and forces Miss Ellie to make a difficult choice. (Ceefax.)

9 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

9 10 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 35 Q.E.D.—Another Little Drink Won't Do Us Any Harm. Following closely on the heels of Dr. Michael O'Donnell's harrowing warning against too much attachment to the bottle, this is another cautionary and fairly alarming report on the same subject, focusing this time on the increasing number of teenagers who over indulge. Most of them seem totally oblivious and even unconcerned about the risks they run and the health hazards involved but some very disturbing medical scenes showing the removal of a brain and the examination of a diseased liver should provide the short, sharp shock to them, and indeed anyone else, who is tempted to drink too much.

10 05 SPORTSNIGHT — Including Football, highlights of the World Cup qualifying matches, Romania v England and Northern Ireland v Turkey; Ice Hockey, the World Championship, from Prague, which has now reached the play-off stage.

11 20 TAXI—Scenskees from a Marriage, Part 2. An "old country" tradition threatens to disturb the marriage of Latka and Simka. 11.45 Weather.

BBC-2

6 55 a.m.-7.30 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

9 38-3 DAYTIME ON TWO—A run of short educational programmes for children and adults, mostly repeats.

3 55 LAY ON FIVE, with Floella Benjamin and Robin Stevens. 4.10 The Biskitts. 4.30 Take Two.

4 55 NEWSROUND, with John Craven. 5.5 Duncan Dares—Dragon Boat Races, Peter Duncan goes to Hong Kong to take on the Orientals at their national sport.

5 30 NEWS, WEATHER. 5.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys—Ragley Hall, Warwickshire, repeat.

6 00 "LAST OF THE BADMEN" (1957). Out-of-the-rut but fairly low-powered Western, set in the 1880s with George Montgomery as an agent sent by a detective agency to hunt down the leader of a gang of outlaws. Very much a cop thriller in Western guise. With Keith Larsen.

7 15 100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS—Ludmilla Tourischeva, the Russian gymnast-ballerina who won the gold medal in the Individual Overall Competition at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

7 25 EBONY—Including an item on adoption; and music from the Jubilee Singers.

7 55 WHO KILLED THE LINDBERGH BABY? Repeat. Ludovic Kennedy examines evidence, only recently made public, which raises further doubts about the guilt of German immigrant carpenter, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, executed for the murder of the baby son of American aviator, Charles Lindbergh, in 1936.

9 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

9 10 ★★BLEAK HOUSE—Dave King joins the illustrious cast of this excellent Dickens adaptation tonight: he plays ex-cavalryman Sergeant George, who is in debt to the moneylender, Smallweed, and was a friend of the late Captain Hawdon. (Ceefax.)

10 05 OPEN SPACE—Belsen, May, 1945. On the 40th anniversary of their arrival in Belsen, former medical students, who were taken from teaching hospitals in Britain and flown to Belsen to give what help they could to the starving and disease-ridden inmates, recall their horrific experiences. In the words of one it was "like going to hell and back . . . man's ultimate inhumanity to man" and the terrible events, burnt into their memories, have remained vividly and disturbingly clear to them throughout their lives. Some of the scenes are among the most harrowing ever shown of Belsen.

10 35 NEWSNIGHT. 11.20-11.25 Weather. 11.30-12.25 Open University.

ITV Thames

6 15 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN, with Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. 9.25 Thames News Headlines.

9 30 FOR SCHOOLS. 11.55 Rub a Dub Dub. 12 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Raw Energy.

1 00 NEWS. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market.

3 00 GEMS. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4 00 TALES FROM FAT-TULIP'S GARDEN. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggle Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Connections.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! on the Sickle Cell Society.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS—Ghosts, Apparitions and Haunted Houses. More personal experiences of the paranormal including a Chicago man who claims to have danced with a ghost and a Grimsby woman who reckons her former council house was haunted by a shuffling, hooded, faceless monk. (Oracle.)

7 30 CORONATION STREET (Oracle).

8 00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE—Eamonn Andrews on the prowl again with his big red book in a specially extended edition. Who is the big name who can justify that?

9 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

9 10 ★WIDOWS—While Harry works on his next robbery Dolly, Shirley and Bella are busy preparing a trap for him. (Oracle).

10 10 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 40 "PATERNITY" (1981). Fairly predictable but now quite topical romantic comedy with Burt Reynolds as a wealthy bachelor yearning to become a father and eventually hiring a surrogate mother. Some patches of sharp comic dialogue but the film is never as funny as it promises to be. With Lauren Hutton. (Oracle.)

12 25 NIGHT THOUGHTS, with the Rev. Dr. John Newton.

Channel 4

2 15 p.m. THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE—Repeat of last night's summary of the House of Lords debate on the Government's GLC Bill.

2 30 "HERE COMES THE GROOM" (1951, b/w). Lighthearted, lightweight, tuneful musical comedy directed by Frank Capra with Bing Crosby, Jayne Wyman and Franchot Tone.

4 30 ISAURA THE SLAVE GIRL, followed by Fantastico, music and dance from Brazil. 5.30 Farming on Four.

6 00 EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT?—Camping and Backpacking. What to buy, where to go and how to cope.

6 30 THE HERITAGE GAME—Midelney Manor. John Julius Norwich chairs a new quiz game which each week comes from a different stately home where the celebrity guests try to guess the stories behind some of the priceless possessions. Tonight's guest is Una Stubbs with Derek Shrub, from Sotheby's; and Gillian Humphreys and Courtney Kenny with a musical interlude.

7 00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS; at 7.50 Comment by Scottish National Party President and M.P., Donald Stewart, and Weather.

8 00 HOW WARS END—The First World War: The Peace Conference, examined by historian, A. J. P. Taylor.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS. Private Practice within the NHS.

9 00 DANCE ON FOUR—The Netherlands Dance Theatre perform two works by the Czech choreographer, Jiri Kylian: Svadebka (The Marriage), based on Stravinsky's Les Noces, which is set at a traditional Russian country wedding, and Sinfonietta, a repeat of the work inspired by the music of Kylian's compatriot, Leos Janacek.

10 00 LOU GRANT—Hostages.

10 55 BOOK FOUR—Hermione Lee talks to Belfast-born writer, Brian Moore, about his latest book, "The Black Robe".

11 25 SCOTLAND YARD—The Candlelight Murder, b/w.

11 55-12.10 a.m. THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE—Further coverage of the House of Lords debate on the GLC Bill.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
11 55 Cartoon.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 Whose Baby?
2 00 Look Who's Talking.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; TVS News.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 Starkids.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows crime drama.
10 10 News; TVS News.
10 40 "Paternity": L.
12 25 Company.

Anglia

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Vintage Quiz.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows—crime drama.
10 10 News; Anglia News.
10 40 Burt Reynolds: L.
12 25 Seeing and Believing.

Central

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Something to Treasure.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 Newshound.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows—crime drama.
10 10 News; Central News.
10 40-12.25 "Paternity": L.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden (new series).
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Calendar Lunchtime Live.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 The Game.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows—crime drama.
10 10 News; Calendar.
10 40-12.25 "Paternity": L.

HTV

6.15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 It's a Vet's Life.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 Hart to Hart.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News/ Wales at Six.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows—crime drama.
10 10 News; HTV News.
10 40 Burt Reynolds in "Paternity" (1981).

S4C

1 00 Isaura; Fantastico.
2 00 Ffalabalam.
2 15-2.30 Their Lordships' House.
2 35-2.55 Hyn o Fyd.
3 15 How Wars End.
3 45 Max Headroom Show.
4 40 Ffalabalam.
4 55 Hanner Awr Fawr.
5 30 The Addams Family.
6 00 Brookside.
6 30 Bwyta'n Dda.
6 50 Dafganfod y Byd.
7 00 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Goreuon Hywel Gwynfryn.
8 00 O Bedwar Ban.
8 35 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; Penawdau Newyddion.
9 10 "The Boy Who Drank Too Much" (1980 TV movie).
11 05 Diverse Reports.
11 35-12.35 Eastern Eye.

TSW

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
11 55 Ali Bongo.
12 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Keep It in the Family.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 25 Home Cookery Club.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Fat Tulip's Garden.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Fraggle Rock.
4 50 Razzmatazz.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Scene South West.
7 00 Arthur C. Clarke.
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
9 00 Labour PPB.
9 10 Widows—crime drama.
10 10 News; Local News.
10 44 "Paternity" — 1981 comedy: Burt Reynolds.
12 25 Postscript.
12 30 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
11 55-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 Bireli Lagrene.
7 00-9 As TSW.
9 00 Two-gether.
9 10-12.25 As TSW.
12 25 Actualites et Previsions Meteorologiques; Weather.

Open University

BBC 2 TV: 6.55 a.m.-7.20 A101. 11.30 p.m. T321. 11.55-12.25 S202.
Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. A315. 11.50-12.10 E200.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 A362.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 Ralph McTell. 9 World News. 9.9 The British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Kicking Up Sawdust. 10 News. 10.1 Cathedral Heritage. 10.30 My Word! 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Hunger. 12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 British String Quartets. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasures of Seeking. 3.30 Two Cheers for April. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Letter from Wales. 5.15 Monitor. 5.30 New Ideas. 5.40 Book Choice.

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 Album Time. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Letter from Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Top Twenty.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Two Cheers for April. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Word in Edgeways. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 00 Gardeners' Question Time visits Orpington, rpt.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 You the Jury—new series, rpt.
11 48 English Now (1)
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 "The Meistersprínger" — thriller, part 2.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 35 Conservative PPB.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 "Mr. Wrong": play by Elizabeth Jane Howard, dramatised by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska. With Petra Markham as Meg who moves to London in the swinging 60s in search of "Mr. Right" . . . .
3 47 Time for Verse, rpt.
4 00 File on 4, rpt.
4 40 Story Time: Schoolgirls' Own (3): "Dimsie & All Fools' Day" by Dorita Fairlie Bruce.
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial News.
6 30 After Henry (3): The Cowboy.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint.
7 45 Groundswell: The Wildlife & Countryside Act.
8 15 In Business.
8 45 Without Our Consent: 01-580 4411. Jenni Mills chairs a phone-in on the distressing subject of rape.
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "Voices in an Empty Room" (3).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 a.m.-12. For Schools. 1.55 p.m. Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11 p.m. Study on 4: Get By in Portuguese. 11.30-12.10 Open University. 12.30 a.m.-1.10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Your Midweek Choice (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer: Samuel Barber.
10 00 From the Cradle to the Grave: Tchaikovsky, Liszt & Strauss.
10 50 Armenian Violin & Piano Music, rpt.; Komitas, Babajanian & Khachaturian.
11 30 Ulster Orchestra, conducted by Barry Wordsworth, play Charles Wood's Patrick Sarsfield: An Irish Air with Variations (first performance) & Stanford's Symphony No. 7.
12 15 Concert Hall, Broadcasting House: Michelle Lee (flute), Ian Brown (piano), play Mozart, Ibert & Martinu.
1 00 News.
1 05 Thames Suite — music by the British jazz drummer Tony Kinsey.
1 30 Matinée Musicale.
2 25 Allan Schiller (piano): Schumann and Schubert.
3 15 Tchaikovsky's Suite No. 1 in D.
4 00 Choral Evensong from York Minster.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure, presented by Michael Berkeley.
6 30 Choral Voices (4): The Broadland Singers.
7 00 International Young Artists (2): Rafael Oleg (violin), Alexander Vinnitsky (violin) & Inna Maligorskaya (piano): Ysaye, Prokofiev & Saint-Saëns, arr. Ysaye.
7 30 "Scenes from an Execution": play by Howard Barker, with Glenda Jackson as Galactia and Freddie Jones as the Doge of Venice, rpt.
9 00 The Composer Conducts: Witold Lutoslawski—BBC SO with Stephen Roberts (baritone): Musique funèbre, Les espaces du sommeil & Symphony No. 2 (9.35-9.55 Six Continents).
10 30 Trio-Sonatas by Loeillet, Telemann & C. P. E. Bach.
11 00 Howard Shelley (piano): Mozart's Sonata in D, Debussy's Images, Book 2 & Prokofiev's Sonata No. 2 in D.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Howard Pearce.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 05 Gloria Hunniford.
3.30 Labour PPB.
3 35 Music All the Way.
4 02 World Cup Soccer Special: England v Romania.
6 00 News; Sports Desk.
6 05 John Dunn.
8 00 String Sound.
8 30 Syd Lawrence in Concert.
9 10 Listen to the Band.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 The Fosdyke Saga—special introductory edition.
10 15 The Houghton Weavers—folk group (new series).
10 30 Hubert Gregg.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Charles Nove.
3 00 Jack Rothstein (violin), rpt.
3 30-4 Non-stop Stutz, rpt.

VHF: 4.2 Sports Desk. 4.5-5.15 David Hamilton. 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes.
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 John Peel.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330, 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90-2 MHz).
Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90-3-92-5).
Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94-5, 97-1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94-9).
LBC: 1152, 261. (97-3).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95-8).

THEATRES AND CINEMAS

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MATINEE TODAY

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't, Sat. 7.00 THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO. Tomor. 7.30 MADAM BUTTERFLY. Fri. 7.30 THE BARTERED BRIDE. Also Booking: The Midsummer Marriage; Aida, Akhnaten. CC. Ticketmaster 01-379 6212.

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SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET Fri. 7.30 Swan Lake, Mon. 2.00, 7.30 The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet Casting info 01-240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS. 278 8916. LINDSAY KEMP & CO. See Theatres section for details.

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL, Barbican Centre, E.C.2. 01-628 8795/638 8891. No perf. ton't. Parts of the centre will be closed to the public this evening. Tomor. 7.45 London Symphony Orchestra. Geoffrey Simon cond. Margaret Fingerhut piano.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191). CC 928 8800. Tonight 7.30 p.m. LPO. Klaus Tennstedt. Cecile Ousset. Britten: Four Sea Interludes (Peter Grimes) Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 4. Strauss: Also sprach Zarathustra.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4. CC 741 9999/836 7358. Group Sales 930 6123. "SENSATIONAL WILL BECOME THE SHOW OF THE YEAR." D. Exp. THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL ME AND MY GIRL ROBERT LINDSAY "AN ABSOLUTELY INSPIRED PERFORMANCE." F. Times. FRANK THORNTON EMMA THOMPSON AND DAZZLING COMPANY OF 60 DIRECTED BY MIKE OCKRENT. "HAS A MODERN AUDIENCE HYSTERICAL WITH DELIGHT." S.T. HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN." S. Exp Nightly at 7.30. Mats Wed. 2.30 & Sat. 4.45 and 8.15. SOME RETURNS USUALLY AVAILABLE FROM MID-AFTERNOON Mon. 6th May at 7.30.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565/379 6433. Group sales 930 6123/836 3962. Evgs. 8.0. Thurs. Mat. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.15 THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH by GEORGE AXELROD "SPARKLING COMEDY." D. Tel. starring PATRICK MOWER ADRIENNE POSTA "Dashing rakish." Guardian. "Impish vivacity." D. Tel. ROYCE MILLS ISABELLE AMYES "Brilliant." D. Tel. "Subtle sex appeal." D. Mail. Directed by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS "SPRIGHTLY PRODUCTION." Std.

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 01-836 6404/0641 CC 379 6233. Evenings 7.30. Mats. Wed. 2.30. Saturdays 4.0 & 8.0. PAUL EDDINGTON & FELICITY KENDAL SIMON CADELL in TOM STOPPARD'S JUMPERS With ANDREW SACHS Directed by PETER WOOD.

APOLLO THEATRE, Shaftesbury Ave., W.1. CC 01-437 2663. 01-434 3598. OPENS TONIGHT AT 7.00. JACK GILFORD "Perfect." Obs. in LOOK TO THE RAINBOW THE NEW HIT MUSICAL "FASCINATING." The Times. "OUTSTANDING." Fin. Times. "A JOYOUS NIGHT OUT." City Limits "AN OVER THE MOON OCCASION." Gdn. The musical history of Yip Harburg. Evgs. Mon.-Fri. 8.0. Mats Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.15 Group sales 930 6123.

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BARBICAN 01-628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) For inc hotel package 01-330 7111. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE RICHARD III ton't 7.30 (sold out—runs 3½hrs) Day seats from 10am. THE PIT GOLDEN GIRLS by Louise Page ton't 7.30 (sold out—runs 2hrs50) THE PARTY by Trevor Griffiths returns Fri 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30 "utterly absorbing." C Limits.

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COMEDY. 930 2578. C.C. 839 1438. Evgs 8.0. Fri. & Sat 6 & 8.45 MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 2nd MOUTH-WATERING YEAR! "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR 1,000 YEARS." Time Out SEATS AT SOME PERFS FROM £6·50. Grp Sales Box Office 930 6123

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DUCHESS THEATRE 836 8243. 240 9648. "Superbly played by . . ." Mail on Sunday. COLIN BLAKELY DOROTHY TUTIN OTHER PLACES by HAROLD PINTER "The acting: Colin Blakely, Dorothy Tutin and Susan Engel has no equal in London." S. Times. "A KIND OF ALASKA AND ONE FOR THE ROAD as indisputably masterpieces. As rewarding an evening of theatre as to be found anywhere now in London." S. Tel. "Spellbinding." Times. Evgs. Mon.-Thurs. 7.30, Fri. Sat. 6.0 and 8.30.

DUKE OF YORK'S. 836 5122/8837. Evg. 8. Thurs. Mat. 3. Sat. 5. 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP." Evg Std. STEPPING OUT A new comedy by RICHARD HARRIS. THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984. "HAD THE FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE YELLING FOR MORE." D. Mail. "MUST SURELY TAKE THE TOWN." Daily Telegraph.

FORTUNE. S. 836 2238. C.C. Evgs. 8.0. Fri. and Sat. 6.0 and 8.30. UP 'N' UNDER

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HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL. 930 9832. Group sales 930 6123. LIV ULLMAN MICHAEL GAMBON NICOLA PAGET in OLD TIMES by Harold Pinter Directed by David Jones. ". . . Cast impressive by any standards." D. Mail. "It is a pleasure to welcome the return of this beautiful piece, scrupulously directed and played by a crack company." The Times. Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed. 3.0. Sat. 4.30.

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LYRIC STUDIO: Until Sat.—evgs 8.0. Paul Alexander performs THE GOSPEL according to St John.

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BIRTHS

BIRD.—On April 29, at Reims, France, to Odile (nee Barnin) and Geoffrey, a daughter (Morgane Odile).
BUTT.—On April 26, at Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Joan (nee Martin) and Stephen, a son (Richard Thomas).
BYFORD.—On March 29, at Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, to Fiona (nee Fraser) and John, a daughter (Martha Henrietta Jane), a sister for Amelia.
CAMPBELL.—On April 29, to MERLETTA (nee Taylor) and CHRISTOPHER a son (Christopher Henry Guy).
CARR.—On April 29, at St Thomas', to CITTY (Wake-Walker) and FRED, a daughter (Polly Catherine Alice).
CHENG.—On April 23, to ANTHEA and BILLY, a son (Peter Antony Conyn), a brother to Sarah and Karen.
CLARKSON.—On April 29, 1985, in the Clarendon Wing of Leeds General Infirmary, to HELEN (nee Carter) and JAMES, a daughter (Charlotte Margherita).
CLAYTON.—On April 30, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, to JULIA (nee Brown) and CHARLES, a daughter (Jessica Catherine), a sister for Allan.
CORBOLD.—On April 30, at the Portland Hospital, to VERITY, wife of Nicholas Corbold, a daughter.
COSMIN.—On Friday, April 26, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jane (nee Drinkwater) and Tim, a daughter.
CRUTCHETT.—On April 29, at Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., to ANN (nee Messenger) and STUART, a daughter (Emily Kate).
de la MARE.—On April 17, in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, to DOROTHY Magnolia (nee Crawford) and ANTHONY, a son (Sam Martin), a brother for Erik and young grandchild for Robert de la Mare, 93, Cumnor Hill, Oxford.
EGGLESTON.—On April 29, to JANE (nee Foxwright) and ANDREW, of Alderney, a son (Nicholas Frank James).
FOSTER.—On April 24, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to VIRGINIA (nee Ford) and HUGH, a daughter (Sophie).
GUERNSEY.—On April 29, to PENELOPE and CHARLES, a son, brother for Rachel, Kate, Alexandra and Laura.
GUYATT.—On April 26, to SUSAN (nee Lovell) and ANDREW, a daughter (Anna Matilda), a sister to Helen and Tom. Thanks be to God.
HARDY.—On April 27, at Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral, to DEBORAH (nee Mason) and PHILIP, a son, brother for James.
HORSEY.—On April 13, to THERESA (nee Wetton) and John, a daughter (Natasha), a sister for Jonathan, Guy, Mark Thomas, Charlotte and Oliver.
KITTERINGHAM.—On April 30, to ANN (nee Brabrooke) and RICHARD, a son (Simon Stratton), half-brother to James and Hindy.
LACON.—On April 25, to SUSANNAH (nee Downes) and DAVID, a daughter (Freya Charlotte).
LOSSOS.—On April 27, to SUSAN (nee Stenfield) and RONALD, a son (Darrel Henry), a brother (nr Charles and Janine).
LYNE.—On April 7, at the British High Commission Hospital in New Delhi, to ANNE (nee Bilworth) and RICHARD, a son (Christopher Richard John), a brother for Alexandra (Sandie).
NELSON.—On April 30, at the Rosie, Cambridge, to SARAH (nee Thomas), a daughter (Mariana Victoria), sister for Robert, Edward, Sarah, James and Charlotte.
PARSONS.—On April 25, 1985, at B.U.P. Hospital (Hartfield Facility), to Sue (nee White) and GLYN, a son (Alec James).
MURRAY-SMITH. — On April 27, to JANNIE, wife of DAVID, a daughter (Leslie Frances), a sister for Natasha.
PASKE.—On April 29, to CATHERINE and ANTHONY, a son.
REES. — On April 29 at Queen Charlotte's, to ANNETTE and OWEN, a son (William Blaise Benwell), brother for Charlotte.
RELFE.—On April 25, at Pembury Hospital, to Lyn (nee Clensham) and David, a son (Jordan William), brother for David, Jr.
SANDES. — On April 27, at the Royal County Hospital, Winchester, to Liz (nee Cook) and Peter, a son (Robert).
SELIGMAN.—On April 27, to Louise (nee de Zulueta) and Mark, a daughter (Daniela Marie Joanna), a sister for Jordan.
SHEPPARD.—On April 20, at St Teresa's Hospital, to VANESSA (nee Eaton) and RICHARD, a daughter.
STAFFORD.—On April 30, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, to JILL (nee Ashill) and JAMES, a daughter (Laura Elizabeth), a sister for Stuart.
STAFFORD-CLARKE.—On April 24, at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, to Sue (nee Langford) and Major Ron, a daughter (Gemma Clare), a sister for Louise.
THOMPSON.—On April 24, to CELIA and CHRIS, a daughter (Helen Victoria), a sister for Juliette.
WALKER.—On April 24, at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham, to ANN (nee Moss) and CHRISTOPHER, a son (Nicholas), a brother for Matthew and Charlotte.
WARSHAM. — On April 27, to KATHRINE ANNE (nee Doughty) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Sarah Jane Ondeni).
WILLIAMS. — On April 24, to JANET (nee Timberlee) and NICHOLAS, a son (Christopher), a brother for Claire and Sophie.

MARRIAGES

BOWSKILL—JOHNS.—On April 27, at Bath, MICHAEL, son of Mr and Mrs PHILIP BOWSKILL, of Walsall, to JENNIFER, daughter of Mr and Mrs PHILIP JOHNS, of Bath.
CLAPHAM—HOWCROFT.—On April 27, at St Mary's Church, Greenfield, DAVID ARTHUR, son of Mr and Mrs W. A. CLAPHAM, of The Willows, Lathebridge, to ANNE MARGARET, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. B. HOWCROFT, of Ridings, Greenfield.
MASON—KIRNER.—On April 13, at Tring Parish Church, WILFRED NORMAN MASON to BERYL JOAN KIRNER, 12, Bulbourne Road, New Mill, Tring, Herts.
REYNOLDS—GIBB.—On April 6, at Viewforth Parish Church, Edinburgh, by the Rev. T. Gordon Pain, REVEAL, son of Mr REYNOLDS, Thetford, Norfolk, and Mrs STANBROOK, Hungerford, Berkshire, to VALERIE ELIZABETH, only daughter of Mr and Mrs LESLIE GIBB, Westcliffe, 14, York Rd, North Berwick.
WOODRUFF—WATERSTON.— On April 26, 1985, in Edinburgh, JAMES Woodruff of Connecticut, son of Mr. and Mrs J. R. Woodruff, Portugal, to GERALDINE WATERSTON, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. K. Waterston, Edinburgh.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MACDONALD—NORTON.—On May 1, 1935, at All Hallows Church, Kirkburton, Yorkshire, WILLIAM to JOAN. Now at Allan Lodge, Hawick, Roxburghshire.

DEATHS

ALGEO.—On April 28, peacefully at his home, 2, Sandpiper Green, Exmouth Park, Leicester, ANTHONY JOHN SHEPHARD, aged 67 years, beloved husband of Megan. Personal request, no flowers.
ALLCHIN.—On April 28, peacefully, EILEEN MAY, devoted mother of Sheila and grandmother of David and Deborah Browning. Heartfelt thanks to friends of Devon and staff at Christchurch Hospital. Interment in the City of London Cemetery. Inquiries to 0202 743138.
ALLEN. — On April 29, 1985, GILBERT HENRY, dearly loved husband of Sarah Jane (Jenny). Funeral service at All Saints Church, East Harnham, Salisbury, on Tuesday, May 7, at 12 noon. Private cremation afterwards. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Masonic Charities c/o H. Harrold & Son Ltd, 77, Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wilts. tel. Salisbury 21117.
ANDERSON. — On April 29, after three years in Lamellion Hospital, Liskeard, PELHAM, late of Maidenhead and Polruan, dearly loved husband of Edna (died 1953), father of Peter (killed in action 1941) and Veronica, grandfather of Sarah and Marcus, great-grandfather of Tamsin. Cremation at Warren Chapel, Caversham, 2.45 p.m., May 3, his 91st birthday. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of Lamellion, c/o Lloyds Bank, Fowey, Cornwall.
APPERLEY. — On April 29, peacefully in a nursing home, DORA MARY, widow of Arthur of Richmond, Surrey, formerly of the W.A.A.F., dear mother of Newton and Robin. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Petersham, on Tuesday, May 7, at 2.15 p.m., and thereafter to Mortlake Crematorium at 3 p.m. Flowers to T. H. Sanders & Sons Ltd, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond.
ASHFORD. — On April 29, passed peacefully away, at St Catherine's, Bruthourne, ROSA FRANCES, formerly of Hoddesdon, in her 92nd year. Funeral service on Friday, May 3, at the United Reformed Church, Mill Lane, Broxbourne, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to British Red Cross Society, c/o Miss M. Squires, 62, Ware Road, Hoddesdon.
BAKER.—On April 28, peacefully at home, after a long illness, SAMUEL HENRY (Harry), beloved husband of Diana and devoted father to Richard. Funeral 10.15 a.m., Friday, May 3, at All Saints Church, Frindsbury, Kent, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations c/o P. Hawden, funeral director, 108, Frindsbury Hill, Frindsbury, Kent, for Department of Surgery Cancer Fund, Guy's Hospital, gratefully appreciated.
BARRATT.—On April 29, in hospital, MURIEL M. R. BARRATT, A.R.C.M., A.R.C.O., of Queens Court, Cheltenham. Funeral service at Christ Church, Cheltenham, Friday, May 3, at 10.30 a.m., followed by cremation. No flowers or mourning, please, by her own request.
BASSETT.—On April 29, at home, L. J. (Jerry) BASSETT. Funeral 9.30 a.m., May 3, at Vintners Park, Maidstone. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research, c/o Nutfield, West Malling.

(Continued on Column Seven)

BONN SEALED FOR WORLD LEADERS

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

A HEAVY security blanket descended on Bonn yesterday as the first of the world leaders attending the seven-nation economic summit arrived in the West German capital.

More than 10,000 police were mobilised in time for the arrival yesterday of Mr Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, and will be on full alert today when President Reagan arrives.

The United States leader will be greeted at Bonn-Cologne airport by Herr Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister.

A helicopter will take him to the moated castle at Gymnich, where he stayed during the 1982 Nato summit, to spend the day, resting after his journey.

The whole area around Gymnich and the government quarter in Bonn has been secured by police and members of the GSG-9 anti-terror squad, West Germany's equivalent of the SAS.

River cruise

Special border guard frogmen will comb the Gymnich moat and keep watch on the Rhine. Helicopters have already increased their flights along the river where police launches are on constant patrol.

Shmarpshooters will be posted on the river banks today for a cruise between the picturesque Rhine towns of Bingen and Boppard and the legendary Lorelei cliff by Chancellor Kohl and his Japanese guest.

Bonn hotels have been booked out for months for the 1,000 delegation members and 3,000 journalists who have rescended on a city with normally only 300,000 inhabitants. In order to east accommodation, five "Hotel boats' have been moored on the river near the Parliament buildings.

Although authorities hope to seal off the government quarter in Bonn with police reinforcements from other ports of the country, mounted units and a flett of armoured cars, fears were expressed yesterday that terroists could attack elsewhee.

Security sources said it was considered likely that the "revolutionary cells," an extreme Left-wing terrorist underground movement, might extend a series of recent bomb attacks on industrial and commercial targets.

These have occurred with some regularity in recent months and have invariably caused considerable material damage but no casualties.

This week's summit could be seen as a suitable occasion for further such attacks in different parts of the country the sources said.

A further threat could also be posed by the Red Army Faction, the most feared terror group better known as the Baader-Meinhof gang.

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IMPORTANCE OF BITBURG —BY SHULTZ

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

MR SHULTZ, Secretary of State, yesterday predicted that President Reagan's determination to go ahead with his controversial visit to the Bitburg war cemetery would ultimately be regarded as "a deep expression of the importance and commitment to reconciliation" with Germany.

Mr Shultz made his statement shortly before the departure of Mr Reagan on his first overseas trip since his re-election—a journey intended to celebrate 40 years of peace and reconciliation in Western Europe but overclouded by a wreath-laying ceremony at Bitburg which Mr Reagan says is "morally right."

West Germany's Chancellor Kohl, interviewed on American television yesterday, declared that history would record the visit to Bitburg, where 49 S S storm troops are buried, as "a great achievement of a great President."

Mr Reagan was flying to Europe overnight for tomorrow's Bonn Summit of the seven industrialised democracies, and will also visit Spain, Portugal and the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Mr Reagan, who won a landslide election last November, had hoped to go to the European Summit riding high.

He had hoped to present America as the shining example to its trading partners. But the Summit has coincided with evidence of a dramatic slowdown in the American recovery.

'REGRET' BY M Ps

Tory Kohl move

OUR POLITICAL STAFF writes: By last night nearly 100 M Ps, Labour and S D P/Liberal Alliance only, had signed an early day motion "regretting" the President's lecision to visit the Butburg cemetery.

An amendment to the motion by some 20 Conservative M Ps reads: "We consider it a generous and helpful gesture if Chancellor Kohl would permit that arrangements for the visit could be changed."

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'EXPRESS' PLANT TO PRINT 'NEWS OF THE WORLD'

Agreement has been reached in principle to print northern editions of the NEWS OF THE WORLD on Express Newspapers presses in Manchester from next January, it was announced yesterday.

A joint statement by News Group Newspapers and Express Newspapers said the move followed the Thomson organisation's notice to News Group of the termination of its contract at Withy Grove, Manchester, due to expire on October 22.

Mr Bruce Matthews, News Group managing director, said it had become apparent that as three main users of Thomson Withy Grove—Mirror Group Newspapers, THE DAILY TELEGRAPH and News Group—were all deeply competitive in their various fields, an agreement for a composite shareholding would be very difficult to organise. Since this would leave News Group as a minority user in a company mainly dominated by its greatest competitor, MIRROR GROUP, it needed to seek other arrangements for printing the NEWS OF THE WORLD.

PIT STRIKE

All 1,350 men at South Kirkby pit near Pontefract Yorks. went on strike yesterday over the sacking of two miners for intimidating men who worked during the recent strike.

SKILLED MEN NEEDED IN SOME SECTORS

A shortage of skilled workers in textiles, engineering and high technology was reported yesterday by Mr Ken Barnes, East Midlands' regional director of the C B I.

In some cases it was having a constraint on output, he said, but generally prospects for industry in the East Midlands were getting brighter "although no one has yet reached the stage of euphoria."

He added: "Export sales in particular appear to be doing well, especially in North America, and one of the most promising features has been the fact that the regions engineering industry is beginning to experience some uplift in demand."

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Papal Mass

By DAVID GRAVES

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Secretary, had said the decision was "a logistical, rather than an ecumenical" one.

It emerged yesterday, however, that not only had consultations taken place with church leaders over a period of months but British Government legal experts were also consulted for a constitutional ruling.

They apparently raised no objection on legal grounds that by attending a Papal Mass the heir to the Throne and future Supreme Governor of the Church of England would have contravened the Act of Settlement of 1701.

It was the implications of the Act, drawn up to ensure that descendents of the deposed Catholic King James II did not return to the Throne, which dominated the public controversy yesterday.

'Showed me a letter'

Although Dr Runcie, who is in Tasmania, kept a diplomatic silence about his role in the affair, Mr Paterson said he was approached by an envoy of the Archbishop "some time ago."

The envoy inquired about the possibility of Prince Charles being involved in some kind of worship when he visited the Vatican.

Mr Paterson said: "He showed me a letter which had come from the secretary to Prince Charles inquiring whether there was any point in pursuing discussion and whether there was likely to be any reaction from the people of the Churches of Scotland.

"I sought advice from colleagues and replied in a letter to the Archbishop what our understanding of communion was, and that I saw no reason why there should not be further discussions."

The Moderator added: "We also said that because we really knew so little about it at that stage we could not say 'no' to something we did not know about.

"But we were prepared to leave the door open for preliminary discussions to see what was involved, recognising that there would be a certain element in Scotland, both in the Church of Scotland and the church in Scotland, who would probably be opposed to this sort of thing."

As it was the Moderator heard no more on the matter.

'No problem'

The Act of Settlement forbids those who may inherit the throne to "be reconciled to or hold communion with the See or Church of Rome."

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Hapgood, said he thought the proposed Mass would not have posed a constitutional problem.

He said on B B C Radio Four's The World at One programme: "It is fairly common nowadays for church leaders of all varieties to attend each other's forms of worship. I din't see this is any different when it is the heir to the throne."

No difficulties would have been caused so long as the Prince did not receive communion, which he was not planning to do," he said.

CATHOLIC BAN

Evangelical disquiet

OUR CHURCHES CORRESPONDENT writs: The Prince and Princess would be banned by the Roman Catholic Church from receiving the Holy Communion, though the Church of England and most Protestant churches would welcome Roman Catholics at their Communion services.

Many Protestants might also interpret attendance at the Mass as an acceptance by the Prince and Princess of Roman Catholic doctrine on the Sacrament. Dr David Samuel, director of the Church Society, has written to Buckingham Palace and to church and political leaders expressing the disquiet of many conservative Evangelical churchmen.

Trip to Sicily

Alan Copps reports from Siracusa, Scilly: the controversary continued, the Prince and Princess went on a day trip to Sicily, with the Prince taking the controls of an Andover of the Queen's Flight for the journey from Rome to Catania airport.

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Commons Sketch

KINNOCK ROCKET ON TARGET

By EDWARD PEARCE

THE Uses of Atrocity would make a tolerable title for yesterday's performance by Mr Kinnock.

At various times he spoke of "ratting" and of the Prime Minister being "a twister." While Mr Alfred Dubs abandoned his customary caution, and, like a fire bucket boiling over, accused the Government of "murder" — insufficient provision of cervical smears!

The new Kinnock was watched with some pride from the gallery, not for the vituperative part of his act but for its sudden achievement of concision.

For years now we have been urging that Mr Kinnock bears a resemblance to the V1 and V2 rockets with which Dr Werner Von Braun contributed to the variety of life in southern England during 1944-45.

It was said of the V weapons that they constituted no danger as long as you could hear their buzz. It was when the motor cut off that you flung yourself under the table.

Mr Kinnock has buzzed lengthily and harmlessly over the innocently sleeping population. Again and again the advice, metally given, has been "stop now, you've got a point." But, like the idle wind, in more ways than one, he regarded us not.

Suddenly yesterday he had a rush of concision, asking so much and no more, leaving Mrs Thatcher to a sort of amplified goldfish act—opening and shutting her mouth and saying very much the same thing.

Too bland

Incidentally, Mr Kinnock managed and Mrs Thatcher did not, an elegant welcome to Mr Weatherill, returned after unpleasant illness.

The immediate issue was Serps (employment related pensions, expensive but promised and a source of fissiparous ill-will between Mr Lawson and Mr Fowler).

Mrs Thatcher had said at the election that she had no plans to change them. After her chat on Monday night with those two Ministers, would she say if that was still her explicit view?

Too blandly for her own good Mrs Thatcher announced that she was conducting a "fundamental review."

Flying low over the marshalling yards of the "K2" rocket quoted Mr Fowler in refusing to call the pension structure in question: "Reviews are part of government," he added just before switching lethally off, "ratting should not be!"

Labour, long denied blood and percussion by their leader's flying preacher approach, burst into the sort of ugly roar associated with blood sports. Staggering from reiteration to reiteration, Mrs Thatcher spoke of a "most fundamental review."

A second, if crudely constructed, K2 buzzed briefly about revision of the Welfare State, nearly overflew by getting onto the death grant (which Labour takes personally) then snapped shut and asked her why she was such a twister?"

First aid

Vulgar abuse it may have been but it worked. Given his large optimism and erratic steering, Mr Kinnock has often had the look of Mr Toad. But yesterday he was Toad in charge of a motorized division.

For the first time in months the ambulance service of Tory sycophants was called upon to give first aid to the Prime Minister.

Mr Robert Adley leapt out, bandages and iodine in hand and, interposing his person between Mrs Thatcher and her critics, asked the Speaker (happily back with us) if it was in order to use bad words like "twister."

Like a leading article in a magisterial newspaper Mr Weatherill inclined to the view that on the one hand robust debate was in order but that on the other so was moderation and that he deprecated its absence.

Mr Kinnock, now *three quarters* excelsis, jumped up to say how strongly he "supported your view Mr Speaker. When policies are moderated, language will be moderated."

Mr Dubs, by the *judicious* application of excess, managed to get the allegedly inadequate screening of cervical cancer smears (and Mr Dubs) more attention than either could have hoped for. With a thousand preventable deaths taking place, he said, there was only one word for it—murder!

Actually, as any first-year law student could have told him, the most it could be is manslaughter. As for what Mr Kinnock did to the Prime Minister yesterday, it was a legitimate act of war.

The question is can he keep the K2 rocket short on verbal fuel and close to target, or was yesterday just an aberration from the customary benign humming—overhead and out of range—so long associated with the K1?

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NEW CAR SALES RISE BY 6pc

By Our Transport Correspondent

New car sales soared in March, up by 6 per cent. on a year earlier, the Transport Department said yesterday. But in the 12 months ended March 31 total sales were down by 3 per cent.

Sales of motor-cycles continued to drop, down by 8 per cent., and the ending of the pit strike caused a 6 per cent. fall in sales of new lorries.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BIVAND. — On April 28, in his sleep, ERIC DENNY, of Newton Ferrers, father of Chris and Gill. Service at Holy Cross Church, Newton Ferrers, at 10.45 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, followed by cremation at Plymouth. Flowers to Allen James, Sandaway, Brixton, Devon, by 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2.
BROOK.—On April 30, very peacefully, ELIZABETH, beloved mother of Diane and Patrick, grandmother of Alexander, Orson, Liam, and Dussie, sister to Susan and Johnny.
BURGOYNE. — On April 24, in hospital at Norwich, CLARE MACP. dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation service will be held at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex, on Wednesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Floral tributes, please, to Evans Dall Lan Ltd, funeral director, 50, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex.
BUSSELL.—On Sunday, April 28, at home, JOAN MARY, aged 74, of Shrewsbury and formerly of Ottery St. Mary and Feniton, wife of Gradon and mother of Judy, Alan, Hilary and Kate. Service, followed by cremation, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, at Shrewsbury. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Team. Inquiries to W. R. R. Pugh & Son, Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury, tel. 4646.
CASTLE.—On April 29, after a long and courageous battle against cancer, died peacefully at home, PHILIP WINGROVE. Will be sadly missed by Cecile, Paul and Sally. Details from Truscott, tel. Epsom 25337.
CHADWICK. — On April 28, 1985, very peacefully in hospital in Rustington, Sussex, EILEEN MAY, aged 82 years, beloved wife of ARTHUR CHADWICK, of Rustington, loved by son Peter, and Pam, grandchildren Maxine and Fleur. Funeral service at Rustington Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 7, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations in her memory if desired for the Leprosy Mission may be sent c/o Tunbridge Wells Funeral Directors, Tel. 0892 526111.
CLAYGAR.—On April 21, suddenly and quite peacefully, JOHN, aged 87 years, of Henfield, Sussex. Cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, today (Wednesday) at 2.30 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to R. Mitchell & Son, Funeral Directors, Henfield, tel. 492223. (Amended Notice).
MACKAY.—On April 26, 1985, peacefully at Milton Hall Nursing Home, HARRY THOMAS GORDON MACKAY, aged 85 years, of Harrowden, near Bedford, a Master at Bedford School, 1937-1961. Funeral service Tuesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. at Bedford School Chapel. No flowers, but by his request, further inquiries, please, to L. C. J. Arnold, funeral director, 48, Bell Avenue, Bedford, tel. 0234 59525.
MALLETT.—On April 26, 1985, VERA LOUISE, much loved wife of Bernard and mother of Richard, of Lowsden House, 44, Upper Tideway Street, Hitchin. Funeral 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, Church of Our Lady, Grove Road, Hitchin. Flowers to Cherry Funeral Services, 44, Tideway Road, Hitchin, Herts. tel. 0462 34375.
MASE.—On April 29, suddenly in Norfolk, THOMAS FARRER. Cremation at a private place.
MURDOCH. — On April 27, 1985, peacefully in hospital, JACK LOWER, retired Civil Servant, of 20, Park Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, 12.45 p.m., Friday, May 3. Donations if desired to Multiple Sclerosis Society, Harrow Branch, 8, Moss Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.
NEWALL. — On April 25, in her sleep, BARBARA CLIO, aged 77, widow of Robbie, beloved mother of Peter and Susan and much loved granny. Funeral West Herts Crematorium, Garston, 2.30 p.m., May 3.
PEYTON.—On April 29, 1985, suddenly at Eastbourne, RICHARD ACTON, C.B.E., R.N.R., dear husband of Doreen and father of Richard. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday, May 8, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Missions to Seamen, 39, East Street, Chichester.
POWELL. — On April 29, 1985, peacefully at home, MAJOR GEORGE CHARLES (Sandy) POWELL, M.B.E., aged 75 years, dearly loved husband of Madge and dear father of Sandy and Felicity. Funeral service, Thursday, May 2, at All Saints Church, Netherne, at 11.15 a.m., followed by interment at Fittleton. Flowers to Burden, funeral directors, Ansdell.
POWELL.—On April 30, in Seaford, Sussex, after a short illness, QUEEN ANNIE, in her 93rd year, dear friend of the Brown family. Dearly loved sister and aunt of the late Winifred Churchill. Service on Friday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at St Leonard's Church, Seaford, followed by cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton. No flowers, but donations to Christian Aid, c/o Seaford Funeral Services, 0323 893889.
ROSE.—On April 28, MARGARET (nee Colman), aged 93 years, widow of Eric Bailey, beloved wife of Rosalie Rosie, cousin of Nephilli, Jacko. Funeral service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Chesham, on May 3, at 2 p.m. No flowers, but donations to Cheshire Foundation, please.
SALMON.—On April 27, in his 84th year, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Cardiff, Colonel H. MORRY SALMON, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., late of The Welsh and R.A.F. Regiments, husband of the late Queen Salmon, dearly loved father of Jenny and Hugh, father-in-law of Mary and Michele, and grandfather of Sian, Elizabeth, Caroline, Jennifer and Amanda. Funeral service at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Welsh Regiment or R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.
SANDERSON.—On Sunday, April 28, 1985, very suddenly, BRIAN JOHN STRYPMOND SANDERSON, Esquire, Con. Auctioneer, beloved husband of Sheila, father of Christopher and Lesley and grandfather of Nicholas and Peter. Funeral service at Perth Crematorium on Friday, May 3, at 11.30 a.m. All friends invited. Family flowers only, please.
SAYERS.—On April 28, 1985, peacefully in his sleep at Bexhill-on-Sea, STANLEY HERBERT, aged 95, formerly of Wandsworth Common, much loved husband of Elsie and father of Joan and Ron. Funeral at Hastings Evangelical Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, Wednesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Donations if desired to London City Mission, c/o Mansure, F.D., Bexhill-on-Sea. "I Jesus said, whoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."
SIMMONDS.—On April 26, HENRY, of 54, John Grinter Way, Wellington, formerly of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, dearly loved of Dorothy and his family. Funeral service at Wellington Methodist Church, Thursday, May 2, at 2.15 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers for the Methodist Home Missions Division c/o the Wellington Methodist Church Organ Fund, c/o the above address.
SMART.—On April 29, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, in hospital, BERNADIE, 1, Bennochy Court, Kirkcaldy, Group Captain ALEX SMART, O.B.E., R.A.F. (Ret'd), formerly of Shell International, much loved husband of May and dear father of Sandie and father-in-law of Ian. Service at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Friday, May 3, at 2.30 p.m., to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.
SMITH.—On April 27, 1985, peacefully at home, JOHN WILLIAM SMITH, aged 82, Ph.D., D.Sc., C.Chem., F.R.S.C., Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, University of London, beloved husband of Catherine and brother of Leslie. Funeral service at South London Crematorium, Streatham, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, May 3.
SMYTH.—On April 29, 1985, peacefully in hospital, JOHN R. V. SMYTH, aged 85 years, of 43, The Avenue, Hitchin. Funeral service at Trumpington Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday, May 7, at 12 noon.
STEEL.—On April 28, peacefully in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, ERITH MARJORIE STEEL, O.B.E., 20 years Secretary of Institute of Medical Social Workers, 1944-64. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations may be sent to Friends of the Elderly, 42, Ebury Street, S.W.1.
STEPHENS.—On April 28, in hospital, JOHN HUNTINGTON STEPHENS, M.B., B.Ch., most dearly loved husband of Olive and father of Brian. Funeral service at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m. No flowers, by request.
TAYLOR.—On April 29 peacefully at home, after a long illness, COLIN WILLIAM WINTERBILL, son of Bessie and the late Alec, brother of Maud. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday, May 7, at 1 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations to the Marie Curie Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, S.W.1.
THORNHILL. — On April 28, suddenly in hospital, FLORA (Bobs), of Delth, formerly of Ayot St Lawrence. Cremation at Colchester on May 14 at 12.30 p.m. No flowers, by request.
TOTMAN.—On April 27, 1985, suddenly at home on Hayling Island, JOSEPH TOTMAN, M.Inst.R. Sadly missed by his wife Joyce and family. Interment Hayling Island 463662.
TOURS. — On April 27, 1985, PHYLLIS HORSELA TOURS, of Sidlesham, Sussex, widow of Cmdr. Frank Berthold Tours, O.B.E. Funeral service at the Worthing Crematorium on Tuesday, May 7, at 2.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Jordan & Cook Funeral Service, 20, High Street, Worthing, tel. (0903) 31703.
TRUDING. — On Friday, April 26, 1985, suddenly at home, LORNA TRUDING. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, N.W.11, Thursday, May 2, at 1.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Messrs R. P. Sherry, 25, Bell Street, Lisson Grove, N.W.1, not later than 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2.
TURNBULL.—On April 29, DULCIE JOY, aged 54 years, of 15, Saxon Drive, Tynemouth, dearly loved daughter of Doughton and Mabel and loved sister of Douglass. Cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Thursday, May 2, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired may be sent to Leukaemia Research Foundation, c/o the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
TURNBULL.—On April 28, Brigadier DUFF FLEMING, aged 91 years, beloved husband of Vera and dearly loved father of Andrew and Alison. 2nd Battalion London Scottish, 1916-18, served in Ireland, France, Greece, Italy, Egypt and Palestine. Civil Servant. As helpful in death as he was in life.
TYLDESLEY.—On April 26, following a brief illness, ARTHUR TYLDESLEY, aged 77 years, of Fir Tree, Oak Rigg, Ambleside, Cumbria, beloved and loving husband of Clare and devoted father of the late John. Requiem and Jan. Cremation took place on Tuesday, April 30.
VENTNOR.—On April 29, 1985, JESSIE, of Westhumble, much loved mother of Mary. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, on May 3, at 10.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations for the National Institute for the Deaf may be sent to 105, Gower St, London.

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